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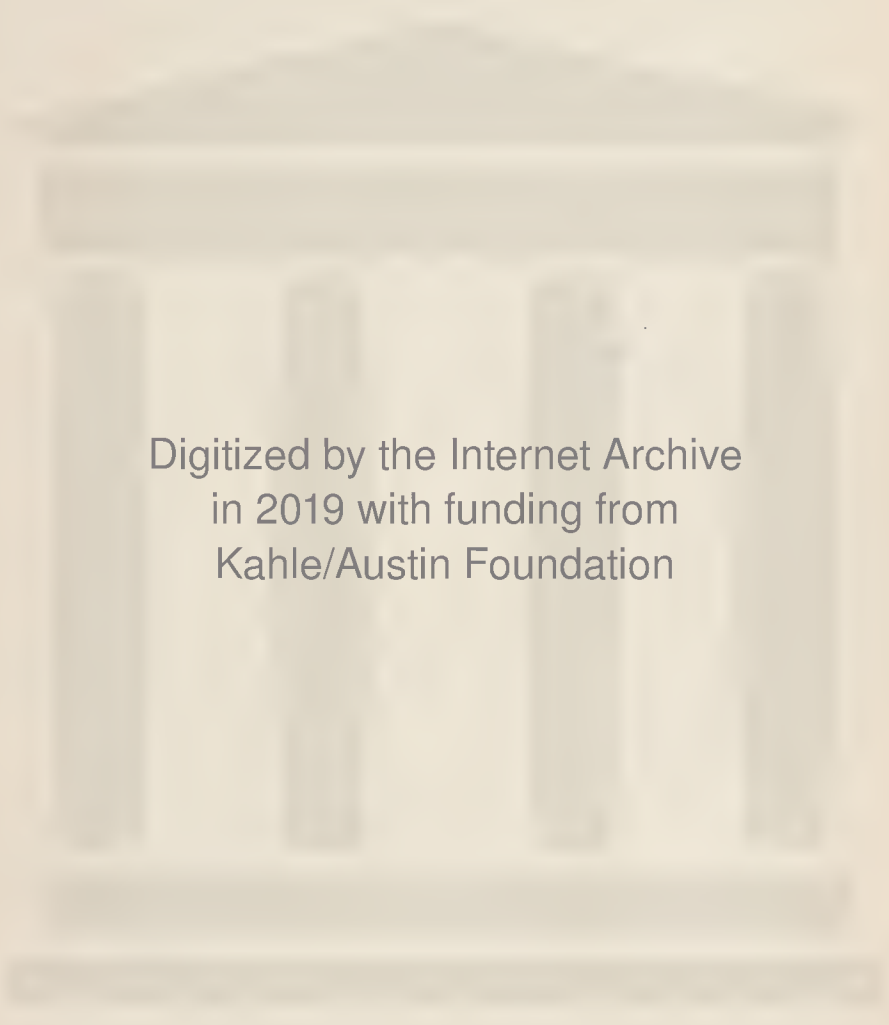
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ONOCLEA SENSIBILIS.

FERNS:

BRITISH AND EXOTIC.

VOLUME VI.

CONTAINING

ONOCLEA.

FADYENIA.

CYCLOPELTIS.

DIDYMOCHLÆNA.

ASPIDIUM, IN PART.

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FERN S;

BRITISH AND EXOTIC.

ASPIDIEÆ. J. SMITH.

IN many instances the only difference between *Polypodieæ* and *Aspidieæ* is confined to the former having no indusium, whilst the latter is furnished with an indusium; this, however, is sometimes very small, and at others so soon detached from the sori, that fronds must be examined, the one with a microscope and the other at an early stage, in order that the difference from *Polypodieæ* may be detected.

Mr. Smith remarks that there are above two hundred described species of *Aspidieæ*.

Aspidieæ is distinguished from *Asplenieæ* mostly by having circular instead of lateral sori, and when the sori are lateral they are attached across the venule, instead of longitudinally in the direction of the venules as in *Asplenieæ*.

Sori circular, with one or two exceptions, where oblong. They are intramarginal, and have a special *indusium*, which is either orbicular, produced from the centre, (central,) or reniform or cucullate, produced from the interior side of the sporangiferous receptacle, (lateral,) or occasionally attached all round the receptacle, and including the sporangia, (calyciform.)

Mostly moderate-sized Ferns.

Mr. Smith, in his Catalogue of the Ferns of Kew, divides the cultivated species into the following families:—

- 1.—*Hypoderris*, one species.
- 2.—*Aspidium*, seven species.
- 3.—*Onoclea*, one species.
- 4.—*Cyclodium*, one species.
- 5.—*Fadyenia*, one species.
- 6.—*Nephrodium*, seven species.
- 7.—*Woodsia*, four species.
- 8.—*Cystopteris*, five species.
- 9.—*Lastrea*, twenty-nine species.
- 10.—*Polystichum*, fourteen species.
- 11.—*Cyclopeltis*, one species.
- 12.—*Nephrolepis*, seven species.
- 13.—*Didymochlæna*, one species.
- 14.—*Arthropteris*, two species.
- 15.—*Oleandra*, two species.

Kunze, in his “Index Filicum,” collects most of the above under the head *Aspidium*, preferring to give them in sections; he only recognises *Nephrodium*, *Lastrea*, *Polystichum*, *Bathmium*, and *Sagenia* as groups in *Aspidium*, whilst *Cyclopeltis*, *Fadyenia*, *Nephrolepis*, *Oleandra*, *Cystopteris*, *Didymochlæna*, etc., he separates from *Aspidium*, yet his Catalogue of the tribe *Aspidium* numbers above one hundred species.

Moore and Houlston, in their “Genera and Species of Cultivated Ferns,” divide *Aspidiæ* as follows:—

- 1.—*Hypoderris*, one species.
- 2.—*Aspidium*, two species.
- 3.—*Sagenia*, four species.
- 4.—*Onoclea*, one species.
- 5.—*Cyrtomium*, one species.
- 6.—*Fadyenia*, one species.
- 7.—*Nephrodium*, six species.
- 8.—*Woodsia*, four species.
- 9.—*Cystopteris*, seven species.
- 10.—*Lastrea*, thirty-one species.
- 11.—*Polystichum*, fifteen species.
- 12.—*Cyclopeltis*, one species.

13.—*Didymochlæna*, one species.

14.—*Nephrolepis*, seven species.

15.—*Oleandra*, two species.

Fee, in his "Genres de la Famille des Polypodiacées," enumerates many more species. He does not place them all under *Aspidiæ*, but groups them under three heads, *Cyclodiæ*, *Aspidiæ*, and *Nephrolepideæ*.

1st. In *Cyclodiæ* he arranges the following:—

1.—*Polystichum*, forty-six species.

2.—*Phanerophlebia*, two species.

3.—*Hemicardion*, four species.

4.—*Amblia*, one species.

5.—*Cyclodium*, three species.

6.—*Cyrtomium*, two species.

7.—*Podopeltis*, one species.

8.—*Bathmium*, ten species.

2nd. In *Aspidiæ* the following:—

1.—*Aspidium*, about seventy species.

2.—*Cystopteris*, fourteen species.

3.—*Lepidoneuron*, twelve species.

4.—*Dichasium*, two species.

5.—*Oleandra*, twelve species.

6.—*Nephrodium*, about forty species.

7.—*Haplodictyon*, two species.

8.—*Abacopteris*, five species.

9.—*Pleocnemia*, three species.

10.—*Sagenia*, seven species.

11.—*Phlebiogonium*, one species.

12.—*Cardiochlæna*, eleven species.

13.—*Fadyenia*, one species.

3rd. In *Nephrolepideæ* the following:—

1.—*Nephrolepis*, seven species.

2.—*Pteroneuron*, one species.

3.—*Saccoloma*, three species.

4.—*Pachypleuria*, five species.

5.—*Humata*, two species.

Thus Fee enumerates above two hundred and fifty species,

yet many of these have not hitherto been cultivated in this country, and others are placed by different authors in other families.

Presl, in his "Tantamen Pteridographiæ," places under *Aspidiaceæ* the following:—

- 1.—*Lastrea*, seventy-seven species.
- 2.—*Oleandra*, four species.
- 3.—*Nephrolepis*, twenty-four species.
- 4.—*Nephrodium*, twenty-four species.
- 5.—*Polystichum*, fifty species.
- 6.—*Phanerophlebia*, one species.
- 7.—*Cyclodium*, three species.
- 8.—*Cyrtomium*, two species.
- 9.—*Sagenia*, six species.
- 10.—*Aspidium*, eleven species.
- 11.—*Didymochlæna*, one species.

In all about two hundred species.

GENUS I.

ONOCLEA. LINNÆUS.

BARREN and fertile fronds different. The fertile fronds being contracted, the segments rugose, sessile, bacciform, somewhat oblong; margin conniving, fimbriate, and membranous, forming a universal indusium.

Sori circular, confluent; each segment consisting of from four to eight. Spore-cases medial, with concrete pedicels. Special indusium very membranous, lateral and cucullate. Fronds pinnate and bipinnate; length from one to two feet.

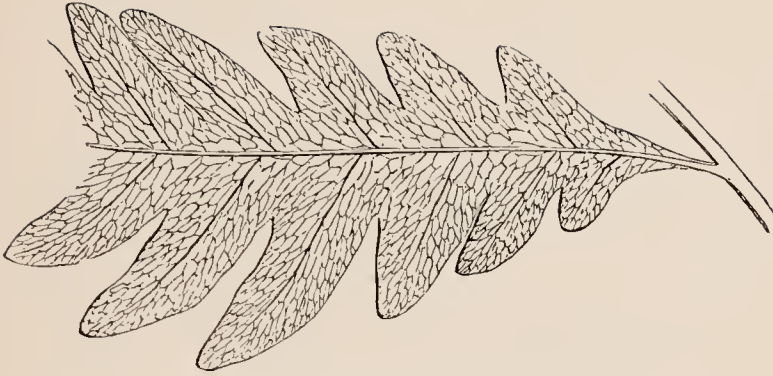
Rhizoma creeping.

Fertile veins simple, direct, and free. Sterile veins reticulated.

The pinnules of the fertile fronds roll up so as to completely hide the sori.

Two species alone are described, and only one is in cultivation, although both have been said to be introduced.

The name is derived from the Greek, and refers to the manner of the folding-up of the fertile segments.



Portion of Pinna of barren Frond.

ONOCLEA SENSIBILIS.

LINNÆUS. SMITH. MOORE AND HOULSTON. KUNZE.
LINK. SCHKUHR. KAULFUSS. PRESL. FEE. SPRENGEL.

PLATE I. VOL. VI.

Onoclea obtusiloba,
" *obtusilobata*,
Rhagiopteris obtusiloba,

LINK.
SCHKUHR.

Onoclea—To close a vessel; (from the Greek.) *Sensibilis*—Sensitive.

A NOBLE species long known to Fern growers, and a very desirable addition to our hardy fernery, being exceedingly distinct from all others. Michaux, Sprengel, and other botanists have described two species, the second under the name of *Onoclea obtusiloba*. It seems doubtful whether there are really two species, situation probably causing the difference in the size and form of the frond. The specimens which I have seen as *O. obtusiloba* have all eventually put on the characters of *O. sensibilis* when grown side by side.

A hardy deciduous species.

Native of North America, Florida, and the variety *O. obtusiloba* in Pennsylvania.

Was known in England as early as 1699, and at Kew in 1793.

Barren and fertile fronds different.

Barren fronds triangular in form, glabrous, pinnate; the pinnae oblong-lanceolate in form, sinuately pinnatifid, the superior ones being decurrent at the base. Segments oblong-obtuse; margin entire.

Fertile frond contracted, not quite as long as the barren frond, bipinnate; pinnules rugose, sessile, consisting of from twelve to twenty on each pinna. The contractions of the segments form a unilateral raceme, oblong, ovate, and bacciform, concealing the sori.

Fronds lateral, adhering to a creeping rhizoma. Length from one to two feet; colour pale green.

Veins of fertile frond simple, direct, and free; in the barren frond reticulated.

For plants of this species I am indebted to Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., of Rolleston Hall.

It may be procured of Messrs. Rollisson, of Tooting; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Masters, of Canterbury; Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Cutbush, of Highgate; Young, of Taunton; Bass and Brown, Sudbury; Stansfield, of Todmorden; and Cooling, of Derby.

The illustrations are barren and fertile fronds, from a plant in my own collection.

GENUS II.

FADYENIA. HOOKER.

BARREN and fertile fronds different.

Fertile fronds contracted; both simple.

Veins forked; venules anastomosing and reticulate.

Sori oblong-reniform, transversely uniserial; formed on the upper portion of a veinlet in the costal areoles.

Indusium exceedingly large, lateral and oblong-reniform.

A solitary species, of dwarf habit.

The name is in reference to the late Dr. M' Fadyen.



FADYENIA PROLIFERA.

A MORE singular than beautiful Fern, requiring moisture and shade to grow successfully. It is a difficult species to manage, although when it does flourish it spreads itself in all directions, from the rooting of the proliferous apices of the barren fronds.

A stove evergreen species.

Native of Jamaica and the Island of Cuba.

It was introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in the year 1842, having been sent there by Mr. W. Purdie.

Fertile frond simple, glabrous, upright, lanceolate in form, narrowing towards the base; apex broad and rounded.

Barren frond horizontal, oblong-ovate, elongate, tapering to the apex, where it is proliferous.

Fronds terminal, adherent to a small tufted rhizoma.

Sori large, reniform, near the apex imbricate.

Indusium hairy; margin somewhat dentate.

Length of barren frond five inches, fertile frond four inches; colour dull green.

For plants my thanks are due to Mr. J. Henderson, of Wentworth; and to Messrs. Booth, of Hamburg.

Plants may be procured of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; Rollisson, of Tooting; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Masters, of Canterbury; Booth, of Hamburg; Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; Stansfield, of Todmorden; Cutbush, of Highgate; and A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place.

The illustration is from fronds forwarded by Mr. J. Henderson, of Wentworth.

GENUS III.

CYCLOPELTIS. J. SMITH.

FRONDS pinnate, glabrous, and articulated with the rachis.

Veins dichotomously branched; venules direct, free, the anterior and exterior one of each fascicle soriferous.

Sori circular, biserial, medial or terminal.

Indusium orbicular and peltate.

A solitary species.

The name, derived from the Greek, has reference to the indusium, and means a small round buckler.

A tropical Fern.



CYCLOPETTIS SEMICORDATA.



Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

CYCLOPELTIS SEMICORDATA.

J. SMITH. MOORE AND HOULSTON. KUNZE.

PLATE III. VOL. VI.

<i>Aspidium semicordatum</i> ,	SWARTZ. PLUMIER. SPRENGEL.
<i>Lastrea semicordata</i> ,	PRESL.
<i>Phanerophlebia nephrolepis</i> ,	FEE.
<i>Polypodium caducum</i> ,	HUMBOLDT. (?)

Cyclopeltis—A small round buckler.

Semicordata—Semicordate.

AN interesting yet uncommon cultivated species, only to be met with in large collections.

An evergreen stove Fern.

Native of the American Meridian, the West Indies, Mexico, Jamaica, and the Philippine Islands.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1844, having been received from Mr. N. Wilson.

Fronds lanceolate, pinnate, the pinnæ being glabrous, falcate-lanceolate, sessile; from four to five inches in length; irregularly auriculate at the base, and articulated with the rachis.

Fronds terminal, adherent to a short, stout, somewhat tufted rhizoma, which is scaly.

Rachis pubescent.

Sori circular, medial, biserial. Indusium peltate.

Length of frond from two to three feet; colour bright shining green.

For a plant of this species I am indebted to Mr. J. Henderson, of Wentworth.

It is not in any of the Nurserymen's Catalogues.

The illustration is from a portion of a frond forwarded by Mr. Henderson, of Wentworth.

GENUS IV.

DIDYMOCHLÆNA. DESVAUX.

FRONDS bipinnate. Caudex erect and arborescent, attaining a height of above two feet, and bearing from its crown large fronds, from three to five feet in length.

Veins forked and radiating; venules direct, free, the exterior one fertile.

Sori elliptical, uniserial, and situated on the apex of a venule.

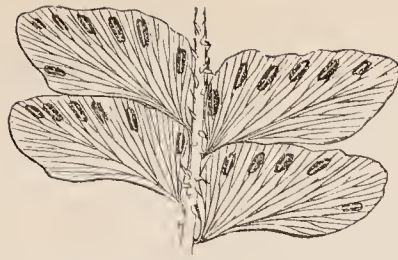
Indusium oblong, attached along the centre longitudinally.

A solitary Exotic species.

Named from the Greek, in reference to the indusium being double.



DIDYMOCHLENA TRUNCATULA.



Portion of mature Frond, under side.

DIDYMOCHLÆNA TRUNCATULA.

J. SMITH. MOORE AND HOULSTON. SCHOTT, MS.

PLATE IV. VOL. VI.

<i>Didymochlæna sinuosa</i> ,	DESVAUX. KAULFUSS. SPRENGEL. LINK.
“ “	PRESL. FEE. MARTENS. SCHOTT, MS.
“ <i>squamata</i> ,	DESVAUX.
“ <i>pulcherrima</i> ,	OF GARDENS.
“ <i>lunulata</i> ,	DESVAUX. KUNZE.
<i>Aspidium truncatulum</i> ,	SWARTZ.
“ <i>squamatum</i> ,	WILLDENOW.
“ <i>cultratum</i> ,	PRESL.
“ <i>pulcherrimum</i> ,	OF GARDENS.
“ <i>squamosum</i> ,	WILLDENOW.
“ <i>truncatum</i> ,	WILLDENOW.
“ <i>lunulatum</i> ,	HOUTTUYN.
<i>Adiantum lunulatum</i> ,	HOUTTUYN, (<i>not of</i> BURMANN, SPRENGEL, WILLDENOW, PRESL, SWARTZ, MOORE & HOULSTON, HOOKER & GREVILLE, WALLICH, FEE, RETZIUS, <i>or</i> RHEED.)
“ <i>fruticosum</i> ,	ARRAB.
<i>Asplenium ramosum</i> ,	POIRET.
<i>Tegularia adiantifolia</i> ,	REINWARDT.
<i>Diplazium pulcherrimum</i> ,	RADDI.

Didymochlæna—A double cloak.

Truncatula—.....?

A CHARMING Exotic species, with somewhat pendulous, handsome, dark green fronds.

An evergreen stove Fern.

Native of Asia, tropics of America, South America, West

Indies, Brazil, Malayan Islands, Hispaniola, the Island of St. Domingo, Java, and the Philippine Islands.

Received into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1828, from Messrs. Loddiges, of Hackney.

Fronds bipinnate, broadly lanceolate; the pinnæ being linear-lanceolate, eight to ten inches long, sessile; pinnules sub-rhomboidal, oblong-obtuse, coriaceous, imbricate, truncate-dimidiolate at the base; margin slightly crenulate; articulate with the rachis.

Stipes, rachis, and midrib of pinnæ densely clothed with ferruginous tomentum and long, narrow, brown scales.

Fronds terminal, adherent to an arborescent caudex.

Veins forked, radiating; venules direct, free, the exterior one being fertile.

Sori elliptical, uniserial, placed on the apex of a venule. Indusium oblong, longitudinally attached along the centre.

Length of frond from three to five feet; colour rich bright dark green.

Didymochlæna sinuosa of Schott has been placed with the present species, still, if only a variety, it is very distinct, the pinnules are usually only half the size of *D. truncatula*, making the branches seem farther apart; indeed in *D. truncatula* the pinnules of the one branch touch those of the next, whilst in *D. sinuosa* they are from half an inch to an inch apart. Then in *D. truncatula* the pinnules are arranged almost at right angles to the branches, whilst in *D. sinuosa* they are at an angle of from 20° to 45°. In *D. truncatula* the terminal pinnule is elongated and deeply cut, whilst in *D. sinuosa* it is not so much elongated, usually not cut, and more nearly resembles the character of the other pinnules. I fear these characters will not prove constant in cultivation.

For plants of *D. truncatula* I am indebted to M. Schott, Director of the Imperial Gardens of Schonbrunn, near Vienna; and to Messrs. E. G. Henderson, of the Wellington Nursery, St. John's Wood.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; Rolleson, of Tooting; Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Booth, of Hamburg; W. Cutbush and Sons, of Highgate; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; and Cooling, of Derby.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.

GENUS V.

ASPIDIUM.

THE distinctive differences between the several divisions may be briefly given as follows:—

ASPIDIUM. SWARTZ.

VEINS costæform; venules compoundly anastomosing, from the sides of which free veinlets extend, which end within the areoles.

Sporangia formed on the angles or points of confluence of the veinlets.

Sori circular, in a row on either side of the veins or primary anastomosing venules.

Indusium mostly orbicular and central, although instances occur with it reniform.

Fronds simple, lobed, pinnate, or bipinnate; margin entire, sinuated, or laciniated.

SAGENIA. PRESL.

Veins forked; venules acutely and angularly anastomosing, forming unequal areoles.

Sporangia situated on the angles or points of confluence of the veinlets, or on the apex of a free veinlet.

Sori circular, in a row on either side of the ultimate midrib, or irregular.

Indusium orbicular or reniform.

Fronds pinnate or bipinnate: pinnæ lobed or sinuously-pinnatifid.

Distinguished from *Aspidium* by the absence of the irregular free veinlets.

CYRTOMIUM. PRESL.

VEINS pinnate; the lower exterior venule free and fertile,

the others anastomosing angularly, and forming on their exterior sides or angular junctions excurrent fertile free veinlets.

Sporangia medial.

Sori circular, transversely-multiserial, abundant.

Indusium orbicular, central.

Fronds pinnate.

Distinguished from *Polystichum* in the anastomosing venules. Habit and texture very similar to *Polystichum*.

The venation of *Cyrtomium* and the position of its sori is nearly similar to the section *Goniophlebium* and *Cyrtophlebium* in *Polypodium*. Distinguished by having an indusium.

NEPHRODIUM. SCHOTT.

VEINS pinnate, costæform, the lowest pair or pairs of venules fertile, and angularly anastomosing; their points of meeting combined by an excurrent anastomosing sterile veinlet.

Sporangia medial.

Sori circular, a row on either side of the veins.

Indusium mostly reniform, rarely orbicular.

Fronds simple or pinnate; pinnæ entire, serrate, or sinuously-pinnatifid.

Distinguished by the anastomosing venules.

Nephrodium in venation is similar to the section *Goniopteris* in *Polypodium*, and only distinguished by having an indusium.

LASTREA. BORY.

VEINS pinnate, forked, or costæform; venules direct and free.

Sporangia medial or terminal.

Sori circular.

Indusium lateral, reniform, smooth or pilose.

Fronds varying from pinnate to decompose.

Only distinguished from the true form of *Polypodium* by the presence of an indusium, being similar in habit and venation. Those with bipinnatifid fronds only distinguishable from *Nephrodium* by not having anastomosing venules.

POLYSTICHUM. ROTH.

VEINS pinnately-forked; venules direct and free, the lower exterior one or more, fertile.

Sporangia usually medial, rarely terminal.

Sori circular.

Indusium orbicular and central, seldom eccentric and reniform.

Fronds simple, pinnate, or bitripinnate; the serrate edges of the frond rigidly spinulose.

Distinguished from *Lastrea* by the rigid spinulose habit.

Aspidium, *Sagenia*, *Cyrtomium*, *Nephrodium*, *Lastrea*, and *Polystichum* run into each other so closely, that it seems advisable to follow Kunze in calling them mere sections of one genus. Were I to separate any of them, it would be done with regard to the habit of the plant alone, and in this case I would place *Cyrtomium* among the *Polystichums*. In the most restricted form of *Aspidium* the habit and general appearance is also distinct from *Lastrea*, still I have adopted the views of Kunze and retained it.

Onoclea, with its two forms of fronds; *Fadyenia*, with its two forms of fronds and proliferous habit; *Woodsia*, a group of small slender Ferns, with peculiar indusium. The genus *Cystopteris*, another group of small delicate Ferns; *Didymochlæna*, with its several very distinct characters, hereafter to be mentioned; *Nephrolepis*, with its distinct habit, and having the petiole articulated with the rachis, giving it a power of throwing off its pinnæ freely; and *Oleandra*; are all to me sufficiently distinct to keep them separated from the genus *Aspidium*.

We have British examples of both *Lastrea* and *Polystichum*.

In *Lastrea* we have:—

Cristata	Oreopteris	Thelypteris
Filix-mas	Rigida	Multiflora
Recurva	Spinulosa	Dilatata

In *Polystichum* we have:—

Aculeatum	Angulare	Lonchitis
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Aspidium filix-mas, *A. aculeatum*, and *A. angulare* vary so much from spores, that it is difficult to recognise the departure from the normal form as mere varieties; however these will be more closely spoken of when describing the species.



ASPIDIUM DECURRENS.

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Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM DECURRENS.

LOWE.

PLATE V. VOL. VI.

<i>Aspidium decursive-pinnatum</i> ,	KUNZE.
<i>Lastrea decurrens</i> ,	J. SMITH. MOORE & HOULSTON.
“ <i>decursive-pinnata</i> ,	OF GARDENS.
<i>Polypodium decursive-pinnatum</i> ,	OF GARDENS.
<i>Phegopteris decursive-pinnatum</i> ,	FEE.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Decurrens—Decurrent.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

A PRETTY, rather dwarf, upright-growing Fern.

Mostly considered greenhouse or half-hardy, and deciduous. Plants exposed to last winter's frost have not been injured; it may therefore be said to be hardy.

Native of China.

Received at the Royal Gardens, Kew, from Mr. D. Cameron, in the year 1841.

Fronds lanceolate in shape, pinnate, pinnæ sessile, pinnatifid, decurrent and lobed, forming a sinuous wing to the rachis; lower ones entire and diminutive. Terminal, adherent to a decumbent slightly-tufted rhizoma.

Sori terminal, or subterminal; indusium small, and speedily becoming obsolete.

Stipes and rachis paleaceous.

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Equally well known in gardens as *Lastrea decurrens* and as *L. decursive-pinnata*.

Length of frond twelve to fifteen inches; colour pale green.

The scales of this Fern are interesting as microscopic objects; they are surrounded with spines having a knob at the apex, and are pellucid.

For plants of this Fern I am indebted to Mr. Henderson, of Wentworth; Messrs. Rollisson, of Tooting; and Masters, of Canterbury; and for fronds to Mr. Norman, of Hull, and Messrs. A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Masters, of Canterbury; Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; Stansfield, of Todmorden; Cooling, of Derby; Cuthbert, of Highgate; and Young, of Taunton.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM MARGINALE.



Portion of mature Frond, upper side.

ASPIDIUM MARGINALE.

SWARTZ. KUNZE. LINK. WILLDENOW. SPRENGEL. FEE.

PLATE VI. VOL. VI.

Lastrea marginalis,

Nephrodium marginale,

Polypodium marginale,

PRESL. MOORE & HOULSTON. SMITH.

MICHAUX.

LINNÆUS.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Marginalis. Margin—Spored.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

AN attractive Fern, with sori arranged along the edge of the frond, covered with a pure white indusium.

A deciduous hardy Fern.

Native of North America—Canada and Carolina.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1712.

Fronds lanceolate, bipinnate, pinnæ oblong-acuminate in form, pinnules oblong-ovate, obtuse, crenate on the edge, and largest nearest the rachis. Fronds terminal, adherent to a tufted rhizoma, forming large crowns.

Rachis and stipes paleaceous.

Sori marginal.

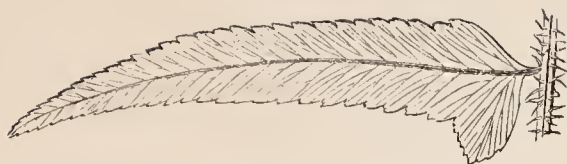
For plants of this species I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray; and for fronds to Mr. Norman, of Hull.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; Rollisson, of Tooting; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Cutbush, of Highgate; and Young, of Taunton.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM FALCINELLUM.



Pinna of mature Frond, upper side.

ASPIDIUM FALCINELLUM.

SWARTZ. KUNZE.

PLATE VII. VOL. VI.

Aspidium auriculatum,
Polystichum falcinellum,

OF GARDENS. (*Not of* SWARTZ.)
 PRESL. MOORE & HOULSTON. SMITH.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern. *Falcinellum*—Small sickle.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

ONE of the most attractive Ferns in the section *Polystichum*, the large bold sori, and the pretty and conspicuous indusium, place this Fern in high estimation among the growers of ornamental plants.

An evergreen greenhouse Fern.

From the Island of Madeira.

Cultivated in the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1820.

Fronds oblong-lanceolate in form; pinnate, the pinnæ being linear-oblong, petiolate, acute; superior base auriculate, inferior base obliquely truncate, the edges of the frond doubly serrate. Fronds terminal; adherent to a fasciculate tufted rhizoma.

Length from twelve to eighteen inches; colour bright green.

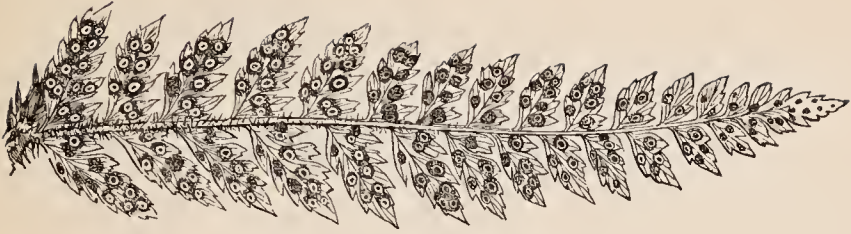
For plants of this species I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray, Kent; and for fronds to Mr. R. Grey, of St. Thomas', Exeter, and to Mr. Norman, of Hull.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. A. Henderson, of Pineapple Place; Rollisson, of Tooting; Sim, of Foot's Cray; and Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM PUNGENS.



Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM PUNGENS.

KAULFUSS. SPRENGEL. KUNZE. SCHLECHTENDAL.
(Not WALLICH.)

PLATE VIII. VOL. VI.

Polystichum pungens,
" "
Polypodium aculeatum,

PRESL. MOORE AND HOULSTON.
J. SMITH. LINK. FEE.
THUNBERG. (Not of LINNÆUS.)

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Pungens—Stinging.

ANOTHER very fine Fern, in the section *Polystichum*, bearing a viviparous plant near the apex of the frond from the mid-stem; the vivid shining dark green of the frond contrasts greatly with most other Ferns.

Native of the Cape of Good Hope.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, by Mr. James Bowie, in 1823.

Fronds ovate-lanceolate in form; bipinnate, pinnules trapezio-oblong, sub-falcate; upper base auriculate, lower base truncate-cuneate, petiolate, profoundly serrate, with spinulose teeth on the edge of the pinnules. Terminal, adherent to a short creeping rhizoma.

Rachis and stipes scaly.

Length of frond from eighteen to twenty-four inches; colour light green.

My obligations are due to Mr. Moore, of the Chelsea Botanic Gardens, and to Mr. Henderson, of Wentworth, for plants of this species.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Stansfield, of Todmorden; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Rollisson, of Tooting; Cooling, of Derby; and Young, of Taunton.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM FALCATUM.



Portion of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM FALCATUM.

SWARTZ. KUNZE. WILLDENOW.

PLATE IX. VOL. VI.

Cyrtomium falcatum,

“ “

Polypodium falcatum,

“ *japonicum*,

PRESL. MOORE AND HOULSTON.

SMITH. LINK. FEE.

THUNBERG. LINNÆUS. PLUKENET.

HOULTUYN.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Falcatum—Hooked.

IN THE SECTION CYRTOMIUM OF AUTHORS.

A VERY noble evergreen Fern with thick fronds of a dark green colour, approaching that of the Portugal Laurel; paler beneath, sori bold and pretty, being thickly scattered over the whole under surface of the frond. Easily grown, and freely propagating from spores, no one should be without this desirable Fern.

An evergreen species, usually looked upon as a greenhouse or half-hardy Fern, yet last winter it lived out of doors without any protection; the fronds were cut with frost, but this spring the plants have put forth new fronds vigorously; consequently it is deciduous in this climate, yet quite hardy.

The colour of the frond is richer and darker when grown in the open air.

Raised at the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1838.

Native of Japan.

Best known as the *Cyrtomium falcatum*.

Fronds lanceolate in form; pinnate, the pinnæ being shining and coriaceous, ovate-acuminate, falcate, repand, slightly rounded at the base, margin somewhat crenate; petiolate.

Rachis and stipes densely clothed with huge brown scales.

Fronds terminal, adherent to an upright rhizoma.

Sori scattered over the under surface of the frond; indusium orbicular.

Length of frond from eighteen to thirty inches.

My thanks are due to Mr. Henderson, of Wentworth, and to Mr. Clarke, Curator of the Glasgow Botanic Gardens, for plants of this species; and to Mr. Norman, of Hull, and Mr. Clarke, of Glasgow, for fronds.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; Masters, of Canterbury; Osborn, of Fulham; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Cooling, of Derby; Sim, of Foot's Cray; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Veitch, of Exeter; and Stansfield, of Todmorden.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM AUGESCENS.

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Portion of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM AUGESCENS.

LINK. KUNZE. FEE. PETIVER. PLUMIER. SLOAN.

PLATE X. VOL. VI.

<i>Lastrea augescens,</i>	J. HOULSTON. MOORE. SMITH.
<i>Nephrodium Ottonis,</i>	OF GARDENS.
<i>Aspidium Ottonianum,</i>	KUNZE.
<i>Lastrea serra,</i>	OF GARDENS.
<i>Aspidium serra,</i>	OF SCHOTT.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Augescens—.....?

IN THE SECTION *LASTREA* OF AUTHORS.

ANOTHER ornamental Fern, with pale green fronds.

An evergreen stove species.

Native of Cuba, Venezuela, Caraccas, Mexico, and Caribee.

Fronds slender, semi-erect, broadly-lanceolate in form, pubescent, pinnate, the pinnæ being linear lanceolate, (very narrow for their length,) sessile, pinnatifid, the segments being rigid, small, oblong-obtuse, and largest nearest the rachis. Fronds lateral, adherent to a creeping rhizoma.

Length from three to four feet; colour pale green.

Sori medial, and often only partial. Indusium hairy.

Best known as the *Lastrea augescens*.

My thanks are due to Messrs. Veitch, of Exeter; Messrs.

Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; and to Messrs. Booth, of Hamburg, for plants of this species; and to Mr. J. Henderson, of Wentworth, and to Mr. Norman, of Hull, for fronds.

It is contained in the Catalogues of Messrs. A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Stansfield, of Todmorden; Veitch, of Exeter; Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Rollisson, of Tooting; Sim, of Foot's Cray; and Cooling, of Derby.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM ACUMINATUM.

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Portion of mature Frond, Under side.

ASPIDIUM ACUMINATUM.

WILLDENOW.

PLATE XI. VOL. VI.

Lastrea acuminata,
 “ *Rileyana*,
Lepidonevron acuminatum,

J. HOULSTON. MOORE.
 OF GARDENS.
 FEE.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Acuminatum—Long-pointed.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

A PRETTY dwarf evergreen Fern, yet from what country it is rather doubtful, probably Nepal.

An evergreen warm greenhouse or stove species.

Fronds glabrous, triangularly-elongate, bipinnate; pinnae being triangularly elongate-acuminate; pinnules oblong-ovate, except the lower ones, which are entire, and in a slight degree pinnatifid; the upper pinnules are decurrent at the base, and rigidly dentate.

Fronds terminal, adherent to a slightly tufted rhizoma.

Sori medial.

Length of frond twelve to fifteen inches; colour a heavy green.

For plants of this species I am indebted to Mr. Moore, of the Chelsea Botanic Gardens; and to Mr. J. Henderson, of Wentworth.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; R. Sim, of Foot's Cray; and Rollisson, of Tooting.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM PROLIFERUM.

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Portion of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM PROLIFERUM.

R. BROWN. KUNZE, (*not of* HOOKER AND GREVILLE.)
KAULFUSS. SPRENGEL.

PLATE XII. VOL. VI.

Polystichum proliferum,

“ “

Aspidium vestitum,

Polystichum stramineum,

PRESL. MOORE AND HOULSTON.
J. SMITH.

WILLDENOW, (*not of* SWARTZ,
SIEBER, SCHKUHR, *nor* FEE.)
VEITCH'S, JUN., CATALOGUE.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Proliferum—Proliferous.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

AGAIN it is requisite to remark “a handsome plant when well grown;” and also, like *Aspidium pungens*, viviparous near the apex of the frond.

An evergreen warm greenhouse Fern.

Native of Van Diemen's Land, (Tasmania,) and New Holland.

Received into the Royal Gardens, Kew, from Messrs. Osborn, in 1843.

Fronds linear-lanceolate in form, bipinnate; pinnules petiolate, oblong-ovate, obtuse, sub-falcate; superior base in a small degree auriculate; margin bluntly toothed. Terminal, adherent to a thick tufted rhizoma.

Rachis and stipes paleaceous.

Length from eighteen to twenty-four inches; colour dull green.

My thanks are due to Mr. Moore, of the Chelsea Botanic Gardens, and to Mr. Henderson, of Wentworth, for plants of this species.

It is in the Fern Catalogues of Messrs. A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; Stansfield, of Todmorden; E. Cooling, of Derby; and Young, of Taunton.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM FILIX-MAS.



ASPIDIUM FILIX-MAS CRISTATA.
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[Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM FILIX-MAS.

SWARTZ. SMITH. SCHKUHR. HOOKER AND ARNOTT. MACKAY.
FEE. WILLDENOW. SPRENGEL. KUNZE. LINK.

PLATES XIII AND XIV. VOL. VI.

<i>Lastrea Filix-mas</i> ,	PRESL. BABINGTON. SOWERBY.
“ “	MOORE. NEWMAN.
“ <i>erosa</i> ,	DEAKIN. }
“ <i>affinis</i> ,	MOORE. } “The variety <i>incisum</i> .”
“ <i>paleacea</i> ,	MOORE. }
“ <i>patentissima</i> ,	PRESL. } “The variety <i>paleaccum</i> .”
<i>Polystichum Filix-mas</i> ,	ROTH. DE CANDOLLE.
“ <i>affine</i> ,	LEDEBOUR. “The variety <i>incisum</i> .”
<i>Polypodium Filix-mas</i> ,	LINNÆUS. BOLTON.
“ <i>nemorale</i> ,	SALISBURY.
“ <i>Heleopteris</i> ,	BORKHAUSEN. “The variety <i>incisum</i> .”
<i>Dryopteris Filix-mas</i> ,	SCHOTT. NEWMAN.
“ <i>affinis</i> ,	NEWMAN. “The variety <i>incisum</i> .”
“ <i>Borreri</i> ,	NEWMAN. “The variety <i>paleaceum</i> .”
<i>Lophodium Filix-mas</i> ,	NEWMAN.
“ <i>erosum</i> ,	NEWMAN. “The variety <i>incisum</i> .”
<i>Aspidium nemorale</i> ,	GRAY.
“ <i>depaustum</i> ,	SCHKUHR. }
“ <i>affine</i> ,	FISCHEE & MEYER. } “The var. <i>incisum</i> .”

<i>Aspidium paleaceum</i> ,	DON.	} "The var. <i>paleaceum</i> ."
" <i>patentissimum</i> ,	WALLICH.	
" <i>Donianum</i> ,	SPRENGEL.	
" <i>Wallichianum</i> ,	SPRENGEL.	
<i>Nephrodium affine</i> ,	LOWE.	
<i>Dichasium patentissimum</i> ,	BRAUN. FEE.	

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Filix-mas—Male Fern.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

ALTHOUGH so common a species, still it is a noble Fern, and being hardy and easily grown in almost every situation, it is a favourite amongst cultivators of plants.

It is to be found lining the sides of ditches, the margins of rivers and lakes, the edges of cliffs and crevices of rocks, be they moist or dry, no matter what their geological construction, becoming a principal undergrowth in many woods, and even growing where the salt waves of the sea can occasionally wash over them. Subject to great variety when raised from spores, and many of the varieties permanent, and some of them exceedingly handsome. The variety *cristatum*, of which a coloured illustration is given on Plate XIV., is a glorious object when well grown. Mr. Moore, in the "Nature-Printed Ferns," has given an excellent description of the principal varieties, to which the reader is referred, as the limited space devoted to each species will not allow of a more than brief extract from Mr. Moore's descriptions. The varieties given are the following:—

Lastrea Filix-mas, MOORE. *Varieties*:—

1.—*Paleacea*, Moore. (Var. *Borreri*, Johnson, Newman; var. *pseudo-mas*, Wollaston.) Mr. Wollaston considers it a distinct species. It is by no means uncommon, and differs from the ordinary form of *Filix-mas* in having a somewhat yellow appearance, slightly glaucous beneath, stipes and rachis shaggy, scales golden brown, ribs and veins purple.

2.—*Multifida*, Wollaston. Apex of frond, and of some of the pinnae bifid or multifid.

3.—*Cristata*, Moore. (Plate XIV.) This glorious variety has the apices of all the pinnae beautifully and uniformly tasseled. The pinnae are shorter, and narrow rapidly towards the tassel.

Found at Charleston, near St. Austell, in Cornwall. Somewhat similar plants have been found in Staffordshire and Devonshire.

4.—*Prolifera*, Wollaston. Tasseled like *cristata*, but more crisped, depauperated, and laciniated. It also bears bulbils.

5.—*Dichotoma*, Wollaston. Somewhat resembles *multifida*, but has not the golden scales of that variety.

6.—*Incisa*, Moore. (Var. *crosum*, Hooker and Arnott, Döll, Newman; var. *affinis*, Newman.) Upright in habit, larger than the normal form, common, distinctly bipinnate, and sori covering nearly the whole length of the pinnules.

7.—*Erosa*, Wollaston. Laciniated, looking as if nibbled by insects.

8.—*Dorso-lobata*, Moore. A common large Fern in the *incisa* group.

9.—*Producta*, Moore. Large, and somewhat analogous to *incisa*; sori confined to the upper third of the frond. Found at Wrekin, in Shropshire, by the Rev. W. A. Leighton.

10.—*Triangularis*, Moore. In the *incisa* group, somewhat resembling *Lastrea cristata*. Found in Kent by Dr. Allchin.

11.—*Polydactyla*, Moore. Differs from *cristata* in the pinnæ not being shortened, and do not narrow much until quite close to the tasseled ends. Found at Bromsgrove, in Worcestershire, by Mr. B. Maund.

12.—*Abbreviata*, Babington, Johnson, and Newman. Dwarf, glandular, and fragrant, with larger pinnules than in *pumila*. Sori mostly uniserial. Found at Snowdon, Ingleborough, Teesdale, and Wyck, (Gloucestershire.) Lately I saw many plants on the hills to the east of Grasmere Lake.

13.—*Pumila*, Moore. (Var. *abbreviata* of Moore, and *recurvum* of Francis.) Somewhat similar to *abbreviata*. The points of the pinnæ and pinnules recurve, giving a concave appearance on the upper surface. A dwarf species, confined to North Wales and alpine districts. Mr. Wollaston considers it a distinct species, in which I perfectly agree, and have consequently figured it under the name of *Aspidium pumilum*.

14.—*Subintegra*, Moore. Closely allied to *abbreviata* and *pumila*. Abundant at Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, where it was found by the Rev. J. Baird.

The three last-mentioned varieties of Mr. Moore's list appear to be different forms of the same Fern, and this a distinct

species from *Aspidium Filix-mas*. The dwarf permanent form and peculiar character of the sori renders it very distinct from *A. Filix-mas*, and I do not doubt that before very long it will be separated from that species by the universal consent of botanists, and at the same time the dwarf so-called form of *Asplenium Filix-fœmina*, known as the variety *acuminatum*, will also be raised to the honourable dignity of a species. Lately I have seen much of this latter Fern in the lake district of Westmorland and Cumberland, mostly growing in alpine situations, yet having the normal form of *Asplenium Filix-fœmina* growing amongst it. Mostly it is the companion of *Aspidium oreopteris*. It is a common and widely-spread Fern in hilly districts.

Turning to the normal form of *Aspidium Filix-mas*, the fronds are lanceolate, bipinnate, with linear pinnæ tapering to the apex; pinnules oblong-obtuse, with the margin serrate, crenate, or inciso-lobate. Caudex large, tufted, scaly, erect, or decumbent. Stipes short, stout, covered with scales. Rachis slightly covered with small scales. Pinnæ numerous. Veins branched.

Sori numerous, distinct, roundish, reniform, medial. Indusium convex, persistent, reniform, margin entire, destitute of marginal glands.

Length of frond usually from two to three feet, occasionally as much as six feet; colour deep green, smooth and bright.

A deciduous hardy indigenous species common throughout the whole of Europe. In Russian Asia, along the Altai and Himalaya from Kumaon through Nepal to Assam, in some parts of India, North Africa, Madeira, Mexico, Guatemala, New Granada, Ecuador, Brazil, Peru, and Caraccas.

For plants of this Fern I am indebted for the variety *paleacea* to Mr. Sim, of Foot's Cray; for the variety *cristata* to Mr. Wollaston, of Chiselhurst; Messrs. Rollisson, of Tooting; and Mr. Sim, of Foot's Cray; for the variety *erosa* to Mr. Clapham, of Scarbro'; for the variety *polydactyla* to Mr. Stansfield, of Todmorden; and for fronds of *cristata* to Mr. Henderson, of Wentworth, and to Mr. Grey, of St. Thomas', Exeter.

The variety *paleacea* I have found abundant about Stockgill Force, Ambleside, and near Rydal Lake, and near Windermere, about Lowood.

The variety *deorso-lobata* about Ambleside, and at Matlock and Wollaton.

The variety *incisa* at Wollaton.

Several other varieties, more or less distinct from the normal form were found about Ambleside, Grasmere, Rydal, Kendal, Penrith, Wyburn, and Brathay, in the lake districts of Westmorland and Cumberland, at Morecombe Bay, Lancashire, and about the falls of the Calder and Snout, in Durham.

The varieties bear the names as if they were the varieties of *Lastrea* instead of *Aspidium*; the gender has not been altered, as they represent varieties of the section *Lastrea*.

The Male Fern is too common to need a record of the Nurserymen who keep it. The variety *cristata* can be procured of W. Cutbush, of Highgate; *palcacca* and *cristata* of J. Young, of Taunton; the varieties *incisa* and *cristata* of Bass and Brown, of Sudbury; the variety *cristata* of Veitch, of Chelsea; *cristata* of A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; the varieties *incisa*, *cristata*, *palcacca*, and *crispa* of R. Sim, of Foot's Cray; the varieties *cristata*, *erosa*, *incisa*, *paleacca*, and *polydactyla* of A. Stansfield, of Todmorden; *palcacca* and *cristata* of E. Cooling, of Derby; *cristata* of W. Rollisson, of Tooting; *incisa*, *erosa*, and *cristata* of R. Kennedy, of Covent Garden.

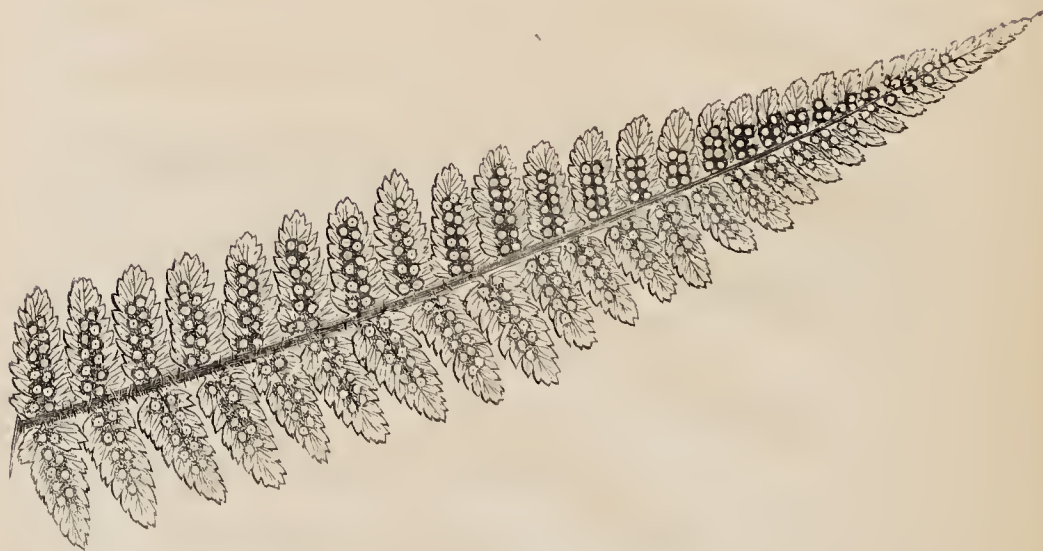
The variety *cristata* is so remarkably handsome that it has been deemed desirable to give a coloured illustration. These illustrations are from plants in my own collection.



Variety Incisum



One of the forms of the variety *Cristata*.



Variety *Paleacea*.



ASPIDIUM PUMILUM.



Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM PUMILUM.

LOWE.

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<i>Lastrea pumila</i> ,	MOORE.	
“ <i>Filix-mas</i> , var. <i>abbreviata</i> ,	MOORE.	
<i>Aspidium Filix-mas</i> , var. <i>recurvum</i> ,	FRANCIS.	
“ <i>Filix-mas</i> , var. <i>pumilum</i> ,	OF GARDENS.	
<i>Lastrea Filix-mas</i> , var. <i>abbreviata</i> ,	BABINGTON.	} “The variety <i>abbreviatum</i> .”
“ “	JOHNSON.	
“ <i>abbreviata</i> ,	MOORE.	
<i>Polystichum abbreviatum</i> ,	DE CANDOLLE.	
<i>Lophodium abbreviatum</i> ,	NEWMAN.	
<i>Dryopteris abbreviata</i> ,	NEWMAN.	
“ <i>Filix-mas</i> , var. <i>abbreviata</i> ,	NEWMAN.	
<i>Lastrea Filix-mas subintegra</i> ,	MOORE.	“The var. <i>subintegra</i> of Moore.”

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Pumilum—Dwarf.

IN THE SECTION *LASTREA* OF AUTHORS.

ALTHOUGH generally looked upon as a variety of *Aspidium Filix-mas*, still its characters are very distinct, so much so as to induce me to figure it as a species.

A hardy deciduous Fern, remaining green and fresh later in the year than *A. Filix-mas*.

An alpine species.

The normal form being found in North Wales, Snowdon, and Llyn Ogwen; the variety *abbreviatum* on Snowdon, on the hills of Westmorland and Cumberland, at Ingleborough, at Wyck, in Gloucestershire, and in Teesdale; and the variety *subintegrum* abundantly at Ennis, in County Clare, Ireland.

A dwarf species.

Fronde lanceolate, pinnate. The pinnae blunt, rather deflexed, and pinnatifid. Pinnules small, oblong-obtuse, convex. Fronds glandular. The points of the pinnae and pinnules recurving.

Sori, a single sorus near the base of the pinnules, on the anterior side, forming a single row on either side of their rachis or midrib.

Fronde fragrant. Indusium leaden in colour. Stipes two to three inches in length.

Length of frond nine to twelve inches; colour dull green.

The variety *abbreviatum* has larger pinnules, and is not so much recurved. Indusia as in *A. pumilum*, marginal with glands, and fragrant. The variety *subintegrum* is narrow and lance-shaped.

For a plant of this species I am indebted to Mr. Pearson, of Chilwell.

It is in the Catalogues of Mr. W. Cutbush, of Highgate; Pearson, of Chilwell; J. Young, of Taunton; Masters, of Canterbury; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; R. Sim, of Foot's Cray; A. Stansfield, of Todmorden; W. Rollisson, of Tooting; and R. Kennedy, of Covent Garden.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM ACULEATUM.



Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM ACULEATUM.

SWARTZ. SMITH. HOOKER AND ARNOTT. WILLDENOW.
SPRENGEL. SCHKUHR. KUNZE.

PLATE XVI. VOL. VI.

<i>Polystichum aculeatum</i> ,	ROTH. DEAKIN. BABINGTON.
“ “	SOWERBY. NEWMAN. MOORE.
“ “	PRESL. FEE. LINK. SCHOTT.
“ <i>lobatum</i> ,	PRESL. LINK. }
“ “	SOWERBY. }
“ <i>aculeatum</i> ,	NEWMAN. }
“ <i>Plukenetii</i> ,	DE CANDOLLE. }
“ <i>aculeatum</i> var. } “The var.	
“ <i>lonchitidioides</i> , }	DEAKIN. }
“ <i>aculeatum</i> var. <i>lobatum</i> ,	DEAKIN. }
“ “	MOORE. FEE. }
<i>Polypodium aculeatum</i> ,	LINNÆUS.
“ <i>lobatum</i> ,	HUDSON. }
“ <i>aculeatum</i> ,	HUDSON. }
“ <i>Plukenetii</i> ,	LOISELEUR. }
<i>Aspidium lobatum</i> ,	SCHKUHR. KUNZE.
“ <i>discretum</i> ,	DON.
“ <i>lobatum</i> ,	SWARTZ. SMITH. }
“ “	HOOKER AND ARNOTT. }
“ “	WILLDENOW. }
“ “	MACKAY. }
“ “ var. <i>lonchitidioides</i> ,	HOOKER AND ARNOTT. }
“ <i>aculeatum</i> ,	SCHKUHR. }
“ <i>Plukenetii</i> ,	STEUDEL. }

<i>Aspidium intermedium</i> ,	SADLER.	} The var. <i>lobatum</i> .
“ <i>munitum</i> ,	SADLER.	
“ <i>lentum</i> ,	DON.	
“ <i>ocellatum</i> ,	WALLICH.	

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Aculeatum—Prickly.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

A MOST interesting species of handsome growth, and having brilliant shining fronds. Growing in shady situations. It is by no means an uncommon British plant, being found in almost every county in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Channel Islands, from the sea-level to two thousand feet elevation.

Common throughout the whole of Europe, (except, perhaps, the counties of Greece and Turkey;) from Scandinavia to Spain. Russian Asia, British India, Algiers, Madeira, America, from Eastern United States to Columbia.

An evergreen indigenous species.

Caudex thick and tufted. Stipes short, three to four inches in length, densely scaly. Rachis stout and densely scaly.

Fronds bipinnate, lanceolate, or broadly linear-lanceolate, rigid; pinnæ numerous, obliquely lanceolate, broadest at the base, acuminate, pinnate at the base, and sometimes nearly to the apex; pinnules somewhat elliptic, acute, and aristate at the apex, auriculate on the anterior side, and being acute and mucronate, aristate and subsessile, attached by the cuneate base, or decurrent. The basal anterior pinna larger than the rest.

Veins branched. Fructification mostly confined to the upper half of the frond.

Sori circular, indusiate, eventually becoming confluent or crowded. Indusium membranaceous, orbicular, peltate, and umbilicate.

Length of frond from one to three feet, rigid, leathery, smooth, and dark shining green above; paler beneath.

There is a similarity between *Aspidium aculeatum* and the *A. angulare*, at least to those not well versed in Ferns; the former, however, is more rigid, upright, and stouter in its growth,

has medial sori, and is evergreen; the latter is herbaceous, deciduous, and lax.

The present species is subject to much variation. Mr. Moore describes five distinct varieties, namely:—

1.—*Lonchitidioides*. Somewhat resembles *A. lonchitis*.

2.—*Lobatum*. Has narrow lance-shaped fronds from one to two feet long, and sub-bipinnate.

3.—*Multifidum*, Wollaston. Apex multifid.

4.—*Proliferum*, Wollaston. Produces bulbils in axils of the lower pinnæ.

5.—*Argutum*. Broadly lanceolate, the pinnules being narrow and elongate, terminate in an acute spiny point, and have long spines to the marginal teeth.

A. aculeatum is best known under the name of *Polystichum aculeatum*.

Situation appears to exert great influence over this species, the common form growing near Beeston, is very different to that at Chaigely, Lancashire, or Rydal, Westmorland.

The variety *lonchitidioides*, I am indebted to Mr. Stansfield, of Todmorden, for plants of; others I have gathered wild in Patterdale. A dwarf form is very abundant on a moist shady bank at Chaigely Manor, Lancashire, and an intermediate variety almost connecting *A. aculeatum* with *A. angulare* I have received plants of from Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., of Rolleston Hall, near Burton-on-Trent, in whose Fernery I have seen most of the varieties of *A. aculeatum* flourishing most luxuriantly.

This common Fern can be procured of all the Nurserymen; the varieties *lobatum* and *lobatum-incisum* of W. Cutbush, of Highgate; *lobatum* of J. Young, of Taunton; *lobatum* of Veitch, of Chelsea; *lobatum* and *lonchitidioides* of E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; *lobatum* and *proliferum* of R. Sim, of Foot's Cray; *lobatum* and *lonchitidioides* of A. Stansfield, of Todmorden; *lobatum* and *lobatum-incisum*, of W. Rollisson, of Tooting; and *lobatum* and *lonchitidioides* of R. Kennedy, of Covent Garden.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM OREOPTERIS.

In the lake districts of Westmorland and Cumberland it is very abundant.

Extends over the whole of Europe.

Fronds pinnate, lanceolate in form; pinnæ opposite, the basal ones obtusely triangular, about the centre of the frond linear-lanceolate.

Veins forked, and bearing sori near the apices.

Sori moderate-sized, round, forming a sub-marginal series.

Indusium small and thin.

Length of frond from one to three feet. Colour brilliant green.

The fronds of this species are fragrant.

Mr. Moore, in the "Nature-printed Ferns," gives two varieties:

1st.—*Truncata*, Wollaston. Found near Tunbridge Wells by Mr. Wollaston. A monstrosity, having the apices of the frond and pinnæ ending abruptly.

2nd.—*Crispa*, Moore. Found on the Clova Mountains by Dr. Balfour. The pinnules are undulated.

Plants of this Fern I have gathered wild at Oxton Bogs and Bulwell, Nottinghamshire; at Wincham, near Northwich, Cheshire; and about Ambleside and Grasmere. For other specimens I am indebted to Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., of Rolleston Hall; and to Mr. Joseph Sidebotham, of Manchester.

It is in the following Catalogues:—Messrs. Veitch, of Chelsea; Rollisson, of Tooting; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Cutbush, of Highgate; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Stansfield, of Todmorden; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; Cooling, of Derby; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; and Young, of Taunton.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM THELYPTERIS.



Portion of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM THELYPTERIS.

SWARTZ. SMITH. HOOKER AND ARNOTT. MACKAY.
SCHKUHR. WILLDENOW. SPRENGEL.

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<i>Lastrea thelypteris</i> ,	PRESL. DEAKIN. BABINGTON.
“ “	NEWMAN. MOORE. SOWERBY.
<i>Aspidium palustre</i> ,	GRAY.
<i>Acrostichum thelypteris</i> ,	LINNÆUS. BOLTON.
<i>Polypodium thelypteris</i> ,	LINNÆUS.
“ <i>palustre</i> ,	SALISBURY.
<i>Polystichum thelypteris</i> ,	ROTH.
<i>Nephrodium thelypteris</i> ,	STREMPER.
<i>Athyrium thelypteris</i> ,	SPRENGEL.
<i>Hemestheum thelypteris</i> ,	NEWMAN.
<i>Dryopteris thelypteris</i> ,	GRAY.
<i>Thelypteris palustris</i> ,	SCHOTT.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern. *Thelypteris*—Lady-Fern.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

THE Marsh or Female Buckler Fern is an interesting bog-growing species.

A widely-spread though local British Fern, less common in Ireland, and only found in one locality in Scotland, namely,

Forfarshire. General throughout Europe, Algiers, Cape of Good Hope, New Zealand, Russian Asia, and North America.

Fronds lanceolate, membranaceous, erect; pinnate, pinnae numerous, spreading, linear-lanceolate, and deeply pinnatifid. The fertile fronds have the margins of their segments revolute, are taller, and have a stouter stipes. Veins forked. Fructification extending over the whole under side of the frond.

Sori small, circular, and placed near the base of the venules.

Indusium small and circular.

Stipes as long as the leafy portion of the fertile frond; smooth and round behind, channeled in front, near the base black and polished, above pale green.

Rachis smooth and circular behind, and channeled in front. Caudex creeping.

Length of frond from six to forty-eight inches; colour delicate green.

Easily cultivated in a damp situation with abundance of peaty soil.

This species I have procured wild from Oxton Bogs, and for other plants I am indebted to Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., of Rolleston Hall, and for fronds to Mr. Norman, of Hull.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Rollisson, of Tooting; Cooling, of Derby; Veitch, of Chelsea; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; Stansfield, of Todmorden; Young, of Taunton; and Cutbush, of Highgate.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM ACROSTICHOIDES.



Portion of mature Frond, under side, shewing the highest barren and lowest fertile pinnæ.

ASPIDIUM ACROSTICHOIDES.

SWARTZ. KUNZE.

PLATE XIX. VOL. VI.

<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i> ,	SCHOTT. MOORE & HOULSTON.
“ “	SWARTZ. SCHKUHR. SMITH.
“ “	WILLDENOW. LINK. PRESL.
<i>Aspidium auriculatum</i> ,	SCHKUHR.
<i>Nephrodium acrostichoides</i> ,	MICHAUX.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Acrostichoides—.....?

A PLEASING hardy Fern, easily cultivated, and very dissimilar from all other species.

Native of North America.

First introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1820.

Fronds pinnate, lanceolate; apex contracted where soriferous. Pinnæ oblong-linear, acute, petiolate, auriculate on the upper base, lower base obliquely truncate; margin ciliato-serrate, with lengthy spinulous hairs.

Rachis and stipes squamulous. Terminal, being adherent to a tufted rhizoma.

Sori confluent.

Length of frond two feet; colour dull green.

For plants of this species I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray; and for fronds to Mr. Norman, of Hull.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Young, of Taunton; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Stansfield, of Todmorden; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Cooling, of Derby; Cutbush, of Highgate; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Rollisson, of Tooting; and Veitch, of Chelsea.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM CRISTATUM.



Portion of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM CRISTATUM.

SWARTZ. J. E. SMITH. HOOKER AND ARNOTT. SCHKUHR.
WILLDENOW. SPRENGEL.

PLATE XX. VOL. VI.

<i>Aspidium cristatum</i> }	PURSH.	
var. <i>callipteris</i> ,		
<i>Aspidium Goldieanum</i> ,	OF SOME GARDENS, (<i>not of</i> HOOKER AND GREVILLE.)	
<i>Aspidium lancastriense</i> ,	SPRENGEL. SCHKUHR. WILLDENOW.	
<i>Lastrea cristata</i> ,	PRESL. DEAKIN. MOORE.	
" "	BABINGTON. NEWMAN. SOWERBY.	
" <i>callipteris</i> ,	NEWMAN.	
<i>Polypodium cristatum</i> ,	LINNAEUS.	
" <i>callipteris</i> ,	EHRHART.	
<i>Nephrodium cristatum</i> ,	MICHAUX.	
<i>Polystichum cristatum</i> ,	ROTH.	
" <i>callipteris</i> ,	DE CANDOLLE.	
<i>Lophodium callipteris</i> ,	NEWMAN.	
<i>Doryopteris cristata</i> ,	GRAY.	
<i>Lastrea cristata</i> }	MOORE.	
var. <i>uliginosa</i> ,	BABINGTON.	
<i>Lastrea uliginosa</i> ,	NEWMAN.	
<i>Aspidium spinulosum</i> ,	HOOKER &	} The var. <i>uliginosum</i> .
" "	ARNOTT.	
" "	BRAUN.	
var. <i>uliginosum</i> ,		
<i>Lophodium uliginosum</i> ,	NEWMAN.	

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Cristatum—Crested.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

THE Crested Buckler Fern is a very local and at the same time singular and beautiful species. It is upright in habit, having a long narrow frond, with large bold fructification, which is almost black soon after the indusium has been shed. It is a difficult Fern to grow, owing to its native habitat being a boggy situation. When in cultivation as an out-door Fern if planted in peaty soil near water it will flourish as well as when growing wild, but in less favourable situations it will become weaker every year, until it finally, in two or three years, dies. In its native situations it appears to prefer growing on the sides of large tufts of *Aira cæspitosa* and other swampy grasses.

Botanists seem of opinion that another upright-growing Fern constantly found amongst it is merely a variety, yet from a vast number of examples that I have examined, the distinctive differences are so great that it seems more natural to separate them. Indeed the so-called variety *uliginosum* will flourish in an open Fernery in situations which would prove fatal to Ehrhart's Fern. It also ripens its fructification earlier in the summer, and the fronds fade away in autumn, shrivelling up in a similar manner to what is observed with the Lady Fern, whilst *Aspidium cristatum* remains green far into winter, and the fronds do not shrivel up, breaking near the ground, and thus causing them to be prostrate before they have faded away.

A hardy deciduous species indigenous to Great Britain, growing in boggy situations in Norfolk, Suffolk, Nottinghamshire, and Cheshire. Generally dispersed throughout Europe and North America.

Frond upright, narrow, linear-oblong, tapering at the apex, sub-bipinnate. Pinnæ numerous, and broadly triangular near the base, being more elongate near the centre of the frond. Pinnules blunt, adnate; basal lobes serrate, the rest inciso-crenate, except at the apex.

Veins forked.

Fructification usually occupying the upper half of the frond.

Sori circular, numerous, indusiate, and medial. Indusium reniform, flat, and membranous.

Length of frond from one to three feet; colour heavy green.

Lastrea uliginosa of Newman, will, in all probability, be raised to the rank of a species when better known. It bears its fertile fronds long before *A. cristatum*; the latter are ripe about the last week in July, whilst *A. uliginosum* becomes ripe in June. The fronds have more the character of *A. spinulosum* than of *A. cristatum*; they grow upright, and are naked for nearly half their length, the pinnules are smaller and more numerous, and the fructification extends over the whole under side of the frond. Through the kindness of Mr. Henry Sherbrook, of Oxtou, I have been enabled to examine the plants in their native habitat of Nottinghamshire, namely, Oxtou Bogs, and also to bring away with me a series of plants of both forms, and although both flourish best in a moist situation in peaty soil, still *A. uliginosum* will grow in a much drier situation than *A. cristatum*, and is an easier plant to grow under pot-culture.

For plants of a variety of this Fern from North America, known as the *Lastrea cristata-major*, I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray.

It is in the Fern Catalogues of Messrs. Young, of Taunton; Bass and Brown, of Sudbury; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; Stansfield and Son, of Todmorden; Cooling, of Derby; Pearson, of Chilwell; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Cutbush, of Highgate; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Rollisson, of Tooting; and Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



Aspidium cristatum.—Variety *Uliginosum*.



ASPIDIUM RIGIDUM.



Portion of mature Frond, upper side.

ASPIDIUM RIGIDUM.

SWARTZ. SCHKUHR. HOOKER AND ARNOTT. WILLDENOW.
SPRENGEL.

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<i>Aspidium fragrans</i> ,	GRAY, (<i>not of</i> SWARTZ.)
“ <i>pallidum</i> ,	LINK.
“ <i>nevadense</i> ,	BOISSIER.
“ <i>Boothii</i> ,	TUCKERMAN.
“ <i>argutum</i> ,	KAULFUSS.
<i>Polypodium rigidum</i> ,	HOFFMANN.
“ <i>fragrans</i> ,	VILLARS, (<i>not of</i> LINNÆUS or HUDSON.)
“ <i>heleopteris</i> ,	BÖRKHAUSEN.
<i>Lastrea rigida</i> ,	PRESL. BABINGTON. SOWERBY.
“ “	NEWMAN. MOORE. DEAKIN.
<i>Nephrodium pallidum</i> ,	BORY.
<i>Polystichum rigidum</i> ,	DE CANDOLLE.
“ <i>strigosum</i> ,	ROTH.
<i>Dryopteris rigida</i> ,	GRAY.
<i>Lophodium rigidum</i> ,	NEWMAN.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Rigidum—Rigid.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

THE Rigid Shield Fern, or, as Mr. Moore has now called it, the “Rigid Buckler Fern,” is a pretty hardy, deciduous British

species, easily grown both in a Fernery and under pot-culture.

A local species, confined to the limestone mountains of Westmorland, Lancaster, and York, and even in these localities extending over a small area. In Ireland it has been found in the county of Louth. In England Mr. Moore remarks that it ranges between twelve and fifteen hundred feet above the sea-level.

It is a native of France, Switzerland, Sardinia, Sicily, Calabria, Germany, Dalmatia, Croatia, Hungary, Morea, Siberia, Asia Minor, California, and Massachusetts; in the two latter countries it attains a larger size.

The caudex is thick, tufted, scaly, and decumbent. Stipes short, densely scaly. Rachis scaly. Venation branched. Fronds bipinnate, triangularly elongate. Pinnæ alternate, triangular in form. Pinnules oblong, base truncate, apex obtuse. Length from one to two feet; colour dull green, paler on the under side. Numerous minute glands are scattered over the frond, giving it a somewhat glaucous appearance.

There are no permanent varieties of this species.

The *Asplenium rigidum* is readily recognised from *A. Filix-mas*, by its more rigid habit, and by the dusty look of its fronds and their less size.

For plants of *A. rigidum* I am indebted to Mr. Joseph Sidebotham, of Manchester; Mr. Wraight, of Newlands; Mr. Clapham, of Scarbro'; and Mr. Clarke, gardener to Mr. Wilkinson Dent, of Flass House, Crosby Ravensworth, Westmorland; to Mr. Clarke my obligations are more particularly due for an extensive series of specimens of this species, gathered in his neighbourhood.

This Fern may be procured of the following Nurserymen:—W. Cutbush, of Highgate; J. Young, of Taunton; Veitch, of Chelsea; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; R. Sim, of Foot's Cray; A. Stansfield, of Todmorden; E. Cooling, of Derby; J. Pearson, of Chilwell; W. Rollisson, of Tooting; and R. Kennedy, of Covent Garden.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM LONCHITIS.

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Portion of mature Frond, upper side.

ASPIDIUM LONCHITIS.

SWARTZ. J. E. SMITH. HOOKER AND ARNOTT. MACKAY.
SCHKUHR. WILLDENOW. SPRENGEL.

PLATE XXII. VOL. VI.

<i>Aspidium asperum</i> ,	GRAY.
<i>Polystichum lonchitis</i> ,	ROTH. DEAKIN. BABINGTON.
“ “	SOWERBY. NEWMAN. MOORE.
“ “	PRESL. FEE.
<i>Polypodium lonchitis</i> ,	LINNÆUS. J. E. SMITH. BOLTON.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Lonchitis—Spear-like.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

THE “Holly Fern,” or, as it is sometimes called, the “Alpine Shield Fern,” is a mountain plant, and difficult to cultivate. It has a range of from about the elevation of one thousand two hundred to more than three thousand feet. A British species, found only in Yorkshire on Ingleborough; in the Lake district; Carnarvonshire; on the mountains of the Highlands in Scotland; and in Ireland in the counties of Kerry, Meath, Sligo, Leitrim, and Donegal. It occurs in Iceland, Lapland, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Germany, Hungary, Eng-

land, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Greece, Russian Asia, Kamtschatka, and the Rocky Mountains in North-west America.

A hardy evergreen species.

Fronds pinnate, of a narrow linear-lanceolate form, and rigid, the pinnæ being falcately lanceolate, acute, spinulosely serrate. Pinnæ numerous and undivided, and on the under side have many small hirsute scales.

Fructification mostly on the upper half of the frond. Sori large, circular, and crowded, eventually becoming confluent. Indusium orbicular and membranaceous.

Stipes short, varying from half an inch to three inches in length, covered with brown chaffy scales. Rachis densely scaly.

Length of frond from six to twenty-four inches, usually from twelve to fifteen inches; colour deep green above, paler beneath.

Mr. Wollaston describes two varieties:—

Multifidum, having the apex divided. Not constant in cultivation.

Proliferum, producing small bulbils in the axils of the lowermost pinnæ.

For plants of this species I am indebted to Mr. Clapham, of Scarbro', and to Miss Barker, of Beeston; and for fronds to Mr. J. Pearson, of Chilwell.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Pearson, of Chilwell; Young, of Taunton; Bass and Brown, of Sudbury; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; Rollisson, of Tooting; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Veitch, of Chelsea; Stansfield, of Todmorden; and Kennedy, of Covent Garden.

The specimens for illustration were kindly given me by Mr. John Pearson, of Chilwell.



ASPIDIUM ANGULARE.

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ASPIDIUM ANGULARE.—VAR. TRIPINNATUM.
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Portion of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM ANGULARE.

KITAIBEL. J. E. SMITH. SOWERBY. MACKAY.
HOOKER AND ARNOTT.

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<i>Polystichum angulare</i> ,	PRESL. SOWERBY. MOORE.
“ “	FEE. DEAKIN. BABINGTON.
“ “	NEWMAN.
“ <i>aculeatum</i> ,	GRAY. FEE.
“ <i>Braunii</i> ,	FEE.
<i>Aspidium aculeatum</i> ,	KUNZE. SMITH DÖLL.
“ <i>Braunii</i> ,	SPENNER.
“ <i>hastulatum</i> ,	TENORE.
<i>Polypodium setiferum</i> ,	FÖRSKAL.
“ <i>appendiculatum</i> ,	HOFFMANN, (not SWARTZ.)
“ <i>angulare</i> ,	FRIES. MANTISSA.
“ <i>aculeatum</i> ,	HUDSON.
<i>Hypopeltis lobulata</i> ,	BORY.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Angulare—An angle.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

AN exceedingly beautiful species, growing in shady wooded localities, tolerably abundant throughout England, Wales, and

Ireland. Rare in Scotland. It is known as the "Soft Prickly Shield Fern."

A hardy species, easily cultivated.

Closely allied to *Aspidium aculeatum*, but having characters sufficiently distinct to keep them divided.

Found in Sweden, Norway, Scotland, Ireland, England, Wales, Jersey, Germany, France, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Greece, Coast of the Black Sea, Asia, India, Madeira, Canary Islands, Azores, Abyssinia, African Coast of the Mediterranean, Natal, United States, Sitka, Guatemala, Mexico, Caraccas, and New Granada.

Fronds bipinnate or tripinnate, with numerous nearly linear pinnæ, broadest at the base, and tapering gradually to the apex; alternate. Pinnules ovate-falcate, with an anterior auricle, serrated deeply on the margins. Beneath the pinnules there are hair-like scales. Veins two or three times branched.

Length of frond from two to five feet; width from seven to ten inches; brilliant green above, paler beneath.

Fronds spreading, and arranged in a circlet around the crown.

Stipes from four to eight inches long, densely scaly. Rachis prominent, slightly channeled above, and rounded beneath, and covered with hair-like scales.

Sori small, numerous, circular, indusiate, occupying the upper two thirds of the frond. Indusium orbicular, membranaceous.

There are many varieties of *A. angulare*. The following are enumerated in Mr. Moore's excellent work, "The Nature-printed Ferns:"—

1.—*Hastulatum*, Moore. Found near St. Martha's Hill, Surrey. It is known by the small size of the acute pinnules, and their distinct and slender footstalks.

2.—*Acutum*, Wollaston. Found in Sussex and Hampshire. Pinnules rather longer than in *hastulatum*, narrow, falcate, and strongly auricled. It approaches the normal form of *A. aculeatum*.

3.—*Aristatum*, Wollaston. Found in Sussex by Mr. Wollaston. The points of the serratures are aristate, and the long hair-like points give the plant a bristly appearance. It bears bulbils on the stipes.

4.—*Multifidum*, Wollaston. Apex of frond tufted, and the pinnæ sometimes divided.

5.—*Proliferum*, Wollaston. Found at Wimbledon, by Mr. Choules, and near Ottery St. Mary, Devonshire, by Mr. Wollaston. Known in cultivation as *angustatum*. Proliferous, bearing bulbils at the point of junction of the pinnæ with the rachis, and occasionally in the axils of the pinnules. Tripinnate, pinnules narrow and attenuated, and conspicuously stalked, deeply cleft, and lobes widely separated. Very handsome.

6.—*Depauperatum*, Wollaston. Found by Dr. Kinahan in Ireland. Fronds frequently mere skeletons; it occasionally produces bulbils.

7.—*Intermedium*, Wollaston. Found near St. Mary's Cray, Kent, by Mr. Robert Sim. It very closely resembles *A. aculeatum*.

8.—*Præmorsum*, Allchin. Found in Ireland by Dr. Allchin. Dwarf, pinnæ laciniate and irregular.

9.—*Dissimile*, Moore. Found in Kent by Mrs. Delves. Pinnæ irregular.

10.—*Irregulare*, Moore. Found near Nettlecombe, Somersetshire, by Mr. Elworthy, gardener to Sir W. C. Trevelyan, Bart. Pinnæ very irregular. The lower pinnæ have unequally inciso-lobate pinnules.

11.—*Biserratum*, Moore. Found near Brentford by Mr. S. F. Gray; also common in Jersey. Long stipes. A lax form, with large broad pinnule, inciso-serrate; all but the anterior lobe biserrate and aristate.

12.—*Alatum*, Moore. Found in Somersetshire by Mrs. A. Thompson. Pinnules connected by a wing on both sides the secondary rachides, on which they are decurrent. Pinnules more tapering.

13.—*Imbricatum*, Moore. Distinct and graceful. Frond two feet in length, linear-lanceolate, in habit resembling *A. lobatum*. Pinnæ short; apices blunt; pinnules crowded, blunt, and imbricated. A bulbil is found on the larger fronds, on the stipes beneath the soil, and therefore each large frond is accompanied by a small one. Found in Somersetshire by Mr. Elworthy.

14.—*Incisum*, Wollaston. Discovered in Sussex by Mr. Wollaston and Dr. Allchin. Grows four feet in length. Pinnules very dissimilar in size and shape.

15.—*Subtripinnatum*, Moore. Lower pinnules very deeply pinnatifid. A common variety.

16.—*Tripinnatum*, Moore. The present Fern the author received as a seedling plant from Mr. R. T. Millett, of Penzance. Mr. Moore, in his "Nature-printed Ferns," says of it, "This very beautiful and peculiar variety has been called *tripinnatum*, in contrast with the *subtripinnatum*, in consequence of its basal anterior pinnules being much more distinctly pinnate, though the plant is on the whole less divided than the Devon form of the variety *proliferum*, or the Irish variety *decompositum*. The most remarkable peculiarity is the unusual elongation of the anterior basal pinnules, and their truly pinnate character; the little pinnulets being distinctly stalked. The other pinnules are highly developed, though less so than the basal one, and they are crowded and imbricated. It is profuse in the production of sori, and thickly covered with subulate scales. It was found in Cornwall by Mr. Millett, and was first made known to cultivators by Mr. E. J. Lowe. It is a very marked aberration from the normal form, and appears to be very rare." Another character of this Fern, not visible in a dried frond forwarded to Mr. Moore, is strikingly exhibited in the growing plant; the pinnae, instead of being flat, and lying in the same plane with the stipes and rachis, are almost at right-angles to this line, lying in a horizontal position above each other,—Plate XXIV.

17.—*Decompositum*, Moore. This beautiful variety is by far the most compound or divided form. An Irish Fern, cultivated in the Glasnevin Botanic Gardens.

For a more lengthy description the reader is referred to Mr. Moore's "Nature-printed Ferns."

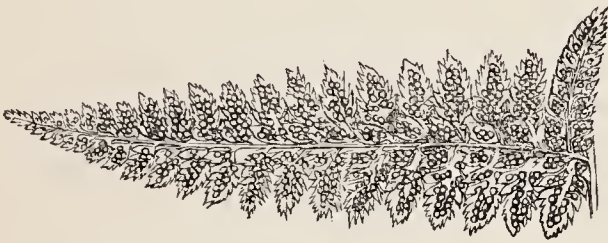
I have procured this species wild at Matlock; Chaigeley, Lancashire; and at Ambleside. For plants from Cornwall I am indebted to Mr. R. T. Millett, of Penzance. Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., has sent me specimens of several varieties; Mr. R. T. Millett the beautiful variety *tripinnatum*, (of which a coloured plate is here given;) Messrs. Rollisson the variety *proliferum*. For fronds I am indebted to Mrs. Delves, of Tunbridge Wells; Messrs. Rollisson, of Tooting; Sir Oswald Mosley; Mr. Sim, of Foot's Cray; and Mr. Norman, of Hull.

This species can be procured of any Nurseryman. The following varieties are in the after-mentioned Catalogues:—

Subtripinnatum, *proliferum*, *imbricatum*, *dissimile*, and *inter-*

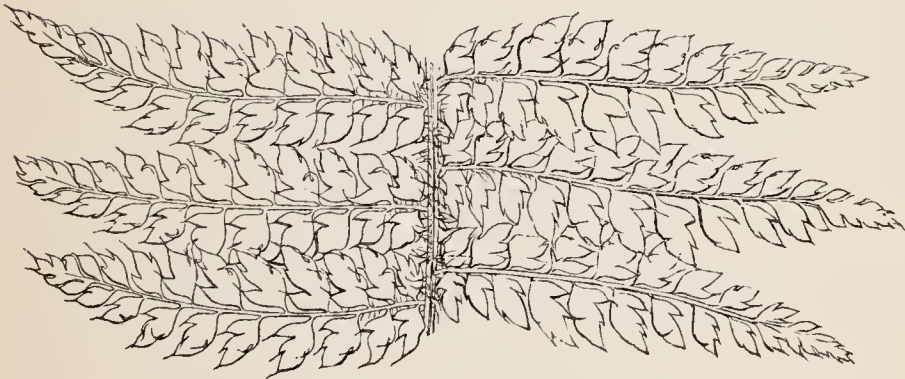
medium, R. Sim, of Foot's Cray. *Subtripinnatum* and *proliferum*, Kennedy, of Covent Garden. *Angustatum*, *biserratum*, and *proliferum*, Veitch, of Chelsea. *Proliferum*, A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place. *Aristatum*, Stansfield, of Todmorden. *Proliferum*, Young, of Taunton.

The illustrations are from plants in my own collection.



Variety Tripinnatum.

Pinna of mature Frond, under side.



Variety Proliferum.



ASPIDIUM PUBESCENS.



Portion of pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM PUBESCENS.

SWARTZ. SPRENGEL. FEE.

PLATE XXV. VOL. VI.

Lastrea pubescens,

“ “

Polypodium pubescens,

Nephrodium pubescens,

PRESL. J. SMITH.

MOORE AND HOULSTON.

LINNÆUS.

HOOKE AND GREVILLE.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Pubescens—Downy.

IN THE SECTION *LASTREA* OF AUTHORS.

Aspidium pubescens is often confused in gardens with the *A. decompositum*, which is a similar-looking species, although destitute of that *downy* character so conspicuously shewn in the *A. pubescens*.

A handsome evergreen stove species, capable of being grown

into a splendid specimen, and requiring no particular care in its cultivation.

Native of Jamaica.

Fronds deltoid, pubescent, sub-tripinnate; pinnules oblong-linear; segments sharply toothed, largest on the superior side.

Stipes covered with scales of a brown colour, being most crowded near the base; lateral, adherent to a slender, creeping, scaly rhizoma.

Sori medial, at first very pale straw-coloured.

Length twelve inches.

For plants I am indebted to Messrs. Booth and Son, of Hamburg.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; Veitch, of Chelsea; Rollisson, of Tooting; Masters, of Canterbury; Booth and Son, of Hamburg; Stansfield, of Todmorden; and Cooling, of Derby.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.





Pinna, under side.

ASPIDIUM ELONGATUM.

SWARTZ. HOOKER AND GREVILLE. FEE.
SPRENGEL. KUNZE.

PLATE XXVI. VOL. VI.

Aspidium oligodonton,
Lastrea elongata,
" "
Polypodium elongatum,

DESVAUX.
PRESL. J. SMITH.
MOORE AND HOULSTON.
AITON.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Elongatum—Elongated.

THIS interesting Fern is not very dissimilar to an elongated form of *Aspidium filix-mas*, and may prove hardy in warm situations.

A greenhouse species.

Native of the Island of Madeira, Canary Island, Azores, and Teneriffe.

Introduced into England in the year 1799.

Fronds glabrous, triangularly elongate in form, sub-tripinnate; the pinnæ triangularly-elongate. Pinnules oblong-acute, with slightly dentate blunt segments. Stipes paleaceous. Terminal, adherent to a thick, short, creeping rhizoma.

Sori medial.

Length of frond from two to three feet; colour deep green.

For a plant of this species I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. A. Henderson, of Pineapple Place; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Stansfield, of Todmorden; and Booth and Son, of Hamburg.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM DILATATUM.



Portion of pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM DILATATUM.

SMITH. SWARTZ.

PLATE XXVII. VOL. VI.

<i>Lastrea dilatata</i> ,	PRESL. LINDLEY AND MOORE.	
“ “	SMITH. BABINGTON. SOWERBY.	
“ “	MOORE.	
<i>Aspidium spinulosum</i> ,	SCHKUHR. SWARTZ. WILLDENOW.	
“ “	HOOKE AND ARNOTT.	
“ <i>erosum</i> ,	SCHKUHR.	
<i>Lastrea multiflora</i> ,	NEWMAN. DEAKIN.	
<i>Polypodium dilatatum</i> ,	HOFFMANN.	
“ <i>cristatum</i> ,	HUDSON. HOFFMANN. BOLTON.	
“ <i>multiflorum</i> ,	ROTH.	
<i>Polystichum multiflorum</i> ,	ROTH.	
“ <i>spinulosum</i> ,	DE CANDOLLE.	
“ <i>dilatatum</i> ,	DE CANDOLLE.	
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i> ,	GRAY.	
<i>Lophodium multiflorum</i> ,	NEWMAN.	
<i>Lastrea dilatata</i> ,	MOORE.	} Variety <i>Tanacetifolium</i> .
“ <i>multiflora</i> var. <i>dilatata</i> ,	} DEAKIN.	

<i>Aspidium dilatatum</i> ,	WILLDENOW.	}	Variety <i>Tanacetifolium</i> .
“ “	SPRENGEL.		
“ <i>spinulosum</i> ,	SCHKUHR.		
“ <i>erosum</i> ,	SCHKUHR.		
<i>Polypodium tanacetifolium</i> ,	HOFFMANN.	}	
<i>Polystichum tanacetifolium</i> ,	DE CANDOLLE.		
<i>Polypodium aristatum</i> ,	VILLARS.		
<i>Lastrea multiflora</i> var. <i>nana</i> ,	NEWMAN. DEAKIN.	}	Var. <i>Nanum</i> .
“ <i>dilatata</i> var. <i>nana</i> ,	MOORE.		
<i>Lophodium multiflorum</i> ,	NEWMAN.		
var. <i>nana</i> ,			
<i>Aspidium dumetorum</i> ,	SMITH.	}	Variety <i>Dumetorum</i> .
<i>Lastrea dumetorum</i> ,	MOORE.		
“ <i>dilatata</i> var. <i>collina</i> ,	MOORE.		
“ “ var. <i>maculata</i> ,	MOORE.		
“ <i>multiflora</i> var. <i>collina</i> ,	NEWMAN.	}	
“ <i>collina</i> ,	NEWMAN.		
“ <i>maculata</i> ,	DEAKIN.		
<i>Lophodium collinum</i> ,	NEWMAN.	}	
<i>Lastrea dilatata</i> var. <i>collina</i> ,	MOORE. BABINGTON.		
“ <i>multiflora</i> var. <i>collina</i> ,	NEWMAN. DEAKIN.		
“ <i>collina</i> ,	NEWMAN.	}	Variety <i>Collinum</i> .
<i>Lophodium collinum</i> ,	NEWMAN.		
<i>Lastrea Chanteriæ</i> ,	MOORE.	}	Variety <i>Chanteriæ</i> .
“ <i>dilatata</i> var. <i>angusta</i> ,	MOORE.		Variety <i>Angustum</i> ,
“ <i>alpina</i> ,	MOORE.		Variety <i>Alpinum</i> .
“ <i>dilatata</i> var. <i>glandulosa</i> ,	MOORE.		}
“ <i>glandulosa</i> ,	NEWMAN.		
<i>Lophodium glandulosum</i> ,	NEWMAN.		
“ <i>glanduliferum</i> ,	NEWMAN.	}	Variety <i>Glandulosum</i> .

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Dilatatum—Extended.

IN THE SECTION *LASTREA* OF AUTHORS.

A SPECIES subject to great variety. *Aspidium dilatatum*, the “Broad Prickly-toothed Buckler Fern,” is a noble British species; easily cultivated, and of large growth.

A hardy deciduous Fern, growing in shady situations, and to be met with almost everywhere. The variety *tanacetifolium* is also common; the other varieties are local.

It is dispersed throughout the whole of Europe, from Lapland to Portugal and Spain. In Asia, in Kamtschatka; in

Africa, in the Azores; in America, at Sitka, Port Mulgrave, Canada, and the Rocky Mountains.

The ordinary form is ovate-lanceolate; bipinnate to tripinnate. Pinnæ opposite, numerous, the basal pair obliquely triangular-elongate; the posterior pinnules considerably larger than the anterior pinnules. The pinnæ taper gradually from the base to the apex. Pinnules ovate-oblong, rather acute, the basal ones stalked, and the upper pinnules sessile and decurrent, the lower ones deeply pinnatifid, occasionally pinnate. The divisions are all sharply dentate, ending in a bristle-like point.

Veins forked.

Caudex stout, mostly upright; crown densely scaly.

Stipes terminal, from a third to half the length of the frond; densely scaly.

Fructification occupying the whole of the under side of the frond. Sori numerous, circular, and indusiate. Indusium reniform and membranous.

Length from two to six feet, usual size from two to three feet; breadth from six to sixteen inches. Colour dark green above, paler beneath.

One of the most difficult species to understand, as in its different forms it approaches both *A. fæniseeii* and *A. spinulosum*; from the latter it is known by *A. spinulosum* having a creeping caudex, the few broad pallid scales of its stipes, and by the indusium being entire.

The form *tanacetifolium*, or "Tansy-leaved prickly-toothed Buckler Fern," is tripinnate, with broad fronds; stipes having numerous entire dark brown scales, with a darker bar down the centre; lanceolate in form.

The form *nanum*, or "Dwarf prickly-toothed Buckler Fern," from Settle and Ilfracombe, is always dwarf, varying from two to ten inches in length.

The form *dumetorum*, or "Thicket prickly-toothed Buckler Fern," is also dwarf, with broad frond, having large abundant fructification, and is remarkable for the glandular surface of the fronds.

The form *collinum*, the "Hill prickly-toothed Buckler Fern," known also as "Pinder's Fern," has the pinnæ distant and spreading.

The form *Chanteriæ*, "Mrs. Chanter's prickly-toothed Buckler Fern," differs in the narrowed form and attenuated apex of its fronds.

The form *angustatum*, the "Linear prickly-toothed Buckler Fern," has narrow lanceolate bipinnate fronds. It very closely approaches *A. spinulosum*.

The form *alpinum*, the "Alpine prickly-toothed Buckler Fern," another form approaching *A. spinulosum*; common on Ben Lawers.

The form *glandulosum*, the "Glandular prickly-toothed Buckler Fern," is large and erect in habit.

It would be impossible to describe the endless variety of this very variable species. Mr. Moore, in his "Nature-printed Ferns," gives the following as the most distinct of the varieties of *A. dilatatum*, (the *Lastrea dilatata* of most authors.)

1.—*Multifida*, Wollaston. Rachis divided low down, so as to make two fronds on one stipes. Not constant in cultivation.

2.—*Tanacetifolia*, Moore. Broad tripinnate triangular frond.

3.—*Pumila*, Moore. Small sub-deltoid bipinnate variety, with pallid scales. A local Fern from Hampstead, Dumbartonshire, Carnarvonshire, Bute, and mountains of Dublin and Wicklow.

4.—*Deltoidea*, Moore. An elegant variety, with deltoid tripinnate finely-cut fronds. Found in Devonshire by the Rev. J. M. Chanter.

5.—*Fuscipes*, Moore. Fronds nearly as broad as long, tripinnate, the points of the fronds and pinnæ caudate. Found in Guernsey by Mr. G. Wolsey.

6.—*Micromera*, Moore. Finely divided, though small it is almost quadripinnate. Found near Ilfracombe by the Rev. J. M. Chanter.

7.—*Nana*, Newman. Fronds ovate, bipinnate, and very dwarf. From Settle and Ilfracombe.

8.—*Dumetorum*, Moore. Dwarf, fronds ovate; stipes and rachis clothed with glands, as well as the under side of the frond.

9.—*Collina*, Newman. Somewhat similar to *dumetorum*, but almost destitute of the glands so conspicuous in that variety.

10.—*Smithii*, Moore. An Irish plant, somewhat related to *collina*.

11.—*Chanteriæ*, Moore. Erect, with the pinnæ twisted upwards.

12.—*Distans*, Moore. Larger than *Chanteriæ*, but somewhat allied to that variety. Found at Coombe Wood, Surrey, by Mr. S. F. Gray.

13.—*Obtusa*, Moore. A distinct variety, with narrow ovate fronds, having oblong-obtuse, shallow, lobed pinnules. From Middlesex, Surrey, Devonshire, and Argyleshire.

14.—*Angusta*, Moore. Linear fronds with a long stipes half the length of the whole frond. Found near Tunbridge Wells, by Miss Bower, and since in Devonshire and Argyleshire.

15.—*Alpina*, Moore. Narrow ascending pinnæ. From Ben Lawers.

16.—*Glandulosa*, Newman. A glandular form, erect in habit.

17.—*Valida*, Moore. A stout, leathery, erect, broad frond, from Devonshire and Guernsey.

18.—*Schofieldii*, Stansfield. Grows from three to four inches high, and is somewhat analogous to the variety *Crispum*, of *Asplenium filix-fœmina*.

For further particulars of these varieties, the reader is referred to the excellent account in Lindley and Moore's Nature-printed Ferns."

My thanks are due to Mr. Wollaston, of Chisselhurst, for a plant of the variety *Collina*.

The species is common enough to be procured anywhere. The varieties *Nana*, *Collina*, *Dumetorum*, and *Schofieldii*, can be procured of Mr. Sim, of Foot's Cray.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM GOLDIANUM.



Portion of Pinna of mature Frond—under side.

ASPIDIUM GOLDIANUM.

FEE. LINK.

PLATE XXVIII. VOL. VI.

Aspidium Goldieanum,
Lastrea Goldiana,
 “ “
Nephrodium Goldianum,

HOOKE. KUNZE.
 PRESL. J. SMITH.
 MOORE AND HOULSTON.
 HOOKE. AND GREVILLE.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Goldianum—Goldin's.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

A FINE Fern, deserving more general cultivation.

Aspidium Goldianum is a native of North America.

A hardy deciduous species.

The fronds are broadly lanceolate in form, sub-bipinnate; the pinnæ being broadly lanceolate. Pinnules linear-oblong, somewhat blunt at the apex. Those near the base distant, the upper ones confluent. Margin crenate.

Stipes and rachis scaly. Fronds terminal, adherent round the crown of a tufted rhizoma.

Sori medial.

Length of frond from twelve to thirty inches; colour pale yellowish green.

For plants I am indebted to Mr. Henderson, of Wentworth; and to Mr. Sim, of Foot's Cray.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; Rollisson, of Tooting; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Young, of Taunton; and A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM TRIFOLIATUM.



Pinna of mature Frond—under side.

ASPIDIUM TRIFOLIATUM.

SWARTZ. SCHKUHR. HOOKER. SCHOTT. J. SMITH.
KUNZE. WILLDENOW. PLUMIER. MOORE AND HOULSTON.

PLATE XXIX. VOL. VI.

Polypodium trifoliatum,
Bathium “
Aspidium heracleifolium,
Polypodium Pica,
Aspidium “

LINNÆUS. JACQUIN.
FEE. LINK.
WILLDENOW. PLUMIER.
POIRET.
DESVAUX.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Trifoliatum—Three-leaved.

WHEN well grown this Fern is a magnificent species, its bold-looking fronds and gigantic fructification must always place it amongst the most conspicuous of our favourite Ferns.

A stove evergreen species.

Native of the West Indies and Tropical America, Jamaica, and St. Domingo.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in the year 1769.

Fronds glabrous, pinnate, somewhat erect in habit. The

inferior pinnæ petiolate, in form nearly triangular trilobate; base cordate; lobes acuminate; centre one largest. Margin bluntly crenate. Superior pinnæ oblong-acuminate, petiolate, base cordate-auriculate; terminal one triangular, sinuately-pinnatifid; segments acuminate; lower ones longest.

Fronds fertile throughout. Stipes dark brown in colour, having a few scattered scales near the base.

Sori circular. Indusium peltate.

Length from twelve to eighteen inches; colour pale green.

My thanks are due to Mr. Stratton, Curator of the Cambridge Botanic Gardens; and to Mr. Clarke, Curator of the Royal Gardens, Glasgow; for plants of this species.

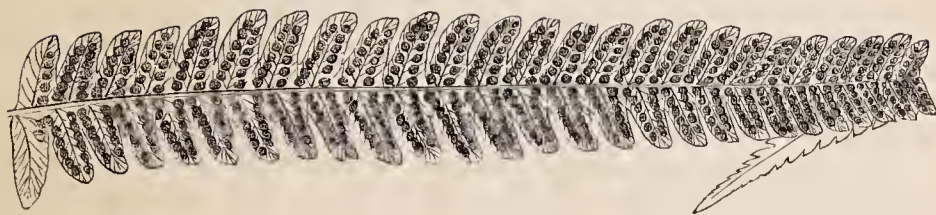
It may be procured from the following Nurserymen:—Booth and Sons, of Hamburg; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; Rollisson, of Tooting; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Stansfield, of Todmorden; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; and A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM MOLLE.

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Pinna of mature Frond—under side.

ASPIDIUM MOLLE.

SWARTZ. KUNZE. LINK. WILLDENOW. SCHKUHR.
RADDI. SPRENGEL.

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<i>Aspidium violascens</i> ,	LINK.
<i>Nephrodium molle</i> ,	R. BROWN. SCHOTT. J. SMITH.
“ “	FEE. MOORE AND HOULSTON.
“ “	PRESL.
“ <i>pubescens</i> ,	DON.
<i>Polypodium</i> “	JACQUIN.
“ <i>nymphale</i> ,	SCHKUHR. FORSTER.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Molle—Soft.

IN THE SECTION NEPHRODIUM OF AUTHORS.

ALTHOUGH a very common, still a very desirable free-growing species, and well adapted for cultivation as a specimen. In a greenhouse or stove there can scarcely be a greater weed than *Nephrodium molle*, as it is so readily propagated from spores.

Introduced into England in the year 1820.

A stove or warm greenhouse species, from Tropical America, Brazil, Rio de Janerio, Mauritius, and Mexico.

Fronds lanceolate and pubescent; the pinnæ being linear-

oblong, acuminate, pinnatifid, and petiolulate. The segments linear-oblong obtuse, being largest next the rachis. Terminal, adherent to a thick somewhat creeping rhizoma.

Stipes slightly scaly near the base.

Indusium very hairy, and pale violet in colour.

Length of frond from twelve to thirty inches.

For plants my thanks are due to Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., of Rolleston Hall; Mr. F. Wright, of Osmaston Manor; Mr. Stewart, gardener to Lord Vernon; Mr. Ingram, gardener to the Duke of Rutland; and to Mr. Cooling, of Derby.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. A. Henderson, of Pineapple Place; Stansfield and Son, of Todmorden; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Bass and Brown, of Sudbury; Masters, of Canterbury; Rollisson, of Tooting; Cooling, of Derby; Sim, of Foot's Cray; and Veitch, of Chelsea.



ASPIDIUM THELYPTEROIDES.

A. MUCRONATUM.



Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM THELYPTEROIDES.

SWARTZ.

PLATE XXXI.—A. VOL. VI.

Aspidium noveboracense,

“ “

“ *pumilum*,

Nephrodium thelypteroides,

Polypodium noveboracense,

LINK. SWARTZ. WILLDENOW.

SCHKUHR. KUNZE.

OF GARDENS.

MICHAUX.

LINNÆUS.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Thelypteroides—.....?

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

THE present species, although more dwarf in habit than *Aspidium thelypteris*, still in all its characters it so nearly approaches *A. thelypteris* of Swartz, and *A. pumilum* of gardens, that I have hesitated in placing it as distinct from that species; the illustration, however, is given as a guide to the cultivator.

A North American Fern, and in all probability only a variety of our British *A. thelypteris*.

For a plant I am indebted to Mr. Sim, of Foot's Cray.

There appear to be two forms in North America, the one known as *Lastrea noveboracense*, and the other as *L. thelypteroides*; the former differs in a slight degree in having its creeping

rhizoma "creeping above the ground," and in being more compact in its growth.

Both forms are in the Catalogues of Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray; Rollisson, of Tooting; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; and Booth and Son, of Hamburg.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



Portion of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM MUCRONATUM.

SWARTZ. SCHKUHR. KUNZE. SPRENGEL. SLOAN.

PLATE XXXI.—B. VOL. VI.

Polystichum mucronatum,

“ “

Nephrodium Sloanci,

PRESL. J. SMITH. FEE.

MOORE AND HOULSTON.

PRESL.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Mucronatum—Sharp-pointed.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

A LOVELY dwarf, close-growing, evergreen, scarce species; seldom to be met with in private collections. Easily cultivated.

A stove Fern.

Native of Jamaica.

Introduced into England in the year 1838.

Fronds pinnate, linear-lanceolate in form; pinnæ petiolate, oblong-ovate, mucronate; lower ones sub-hastate; superior base auriculate; inferior base obliquely wedge-shaped; margin serrate, with long spiny teeth.

Rachis and stipes chaffy. Terminal, adherent to a tufted rhizoma.

Sori bold.

Length of frond twelve inches; colour deep shining green.

For plants I am indebted to Mr. J. Smith, Curator of the Royal Gardens, Kew; and to Mr. Pass, gardener to Mr. Brocklehurst, of the Fence, near Macclesfield.

It is in the Catalogue of Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray, Kent.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM GLABELLUM.

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Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM GLABELLUM.

PLATE XXXII. VOL. VI.

Lastrea glabella,
Nephrodium glabellum,

J. SMITH. MOORE AND HOULSTON.
A. CUNNINGHAM.

Asplenium—The Shield Fern.

Glabellum—Smoothish.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

AN interesting, pretty, dwarf, delicate Fern; rather rare in cultivation.

An evergreen warm greenhouse species.

Native of New Zealand.

The fronds are glabrous, triangularly-elongate in shape, sub-tripinnate; the pinnæ being triangularly-elongate; the pinnules oblong-linear, pinnatifid; the basal pinnules entire; upper ones confluent, having toothed segments.

Stipes having a few scales near the base. Terminal, adherent to a tufted rhizoma.

Sori medial.

Length of frond twelve inches; colour pale green.

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For a plant of this species I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray.

It may be procured of Messrs. Rollisson, of Tooting, and Sim, of Foot's Cray.

The illustration is from a plant in own collection.



ASPIDIUM DECOMPOSITUM.



Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM DECOMPOSITUM.

KUNZE. FEE.

PLATE XXXIII. VOL. VI.

Lastrea decomposita,
Nephrodium decompositum,

J. SMITH. MOORE & HOULSTON.
R. BROWN.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Decompositum—Decomposed.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

A SOMEWHAT similar-looking species to the *Aspidium pubescens* of Swartz, without the pubescence which is so conspicuous in that species.

An evergreen warm greenhouse Fern.

Native of New Holland.

Fronds cuneate in form, in some degree membranous, deltoid, and tripinnate; pinnules oblong, inciso-pinnatifid, with dentate segments.

Rachis and midrib of pinnæ pubescent.

Stipes scattered over with small dark brown scales.

Fronds lateral, adherent to a creeping rhizoma.

Length of frond from eighteen to twenty-four inches; colour light green.

Sori medial.

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Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, by Mr. A. Cunningham, in the year 1825.

For plants of this species I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray, and to Messrs. Booth, of Hamburg; and for fronds to Mr. J. Henderson, of Wentworth.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; Veitch, of Chelsea; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; Cooling, of Derby; Booth, of Hamburg; and Stansfield, of Todmorden.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.





ASPIDIUM PTEROPHYLLUM.



ASPIDIUM PODOPHYLLUM.—BARREN FROND
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Pinna of mature fertile Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM PODOPHYLLUM.

HOOKEE.

PLATES XXXIV AND XXXV. VOL. VI.

Aspidium Sieboldi,
Lastrea podophylla,
Pycnopteris Sieboldi,
Lastrea Sieboldi,

VAN HOUTTE. METTEN.
 J. SMITH.
 MOORE.
 MOORE.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Podophyllum—Foot-stalk leaved.

(From the circumstance that the basal pinnæ have foot-stalks.)

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

A VERY handsome and distinct Fern, having fertile fronds different to the barren fronds.

An evergreen greenhouse species, at least usually considered as such, but said to be hardy enough in our English climate, having survived the winter of 1854-5 in the open air.

Native of Japan, and China, (in the neighbourhood of Hong-Kong.)

The fronds, which are leathery in consistency, are pinnate,

broad, smooth, and having very few thick pinnæ, usually seven, obliquely oblong-lanceolate, falcate, and being serrulate irregularly; the lowest stalked, and unequally cordate at the base; the upper pinnæ sessile and decurrent.

The pinnæ of the barren fronds are somewhat undulated. The stipes exceedingly stout at the base, where it is covered with long, narrow, pointed scales.

In the fertile fronds, which are entirely covered with sori, the stipes is longer, and the pinnæ are more contracted.

Sori very large and numerous, being a large mass of elevated spore-cases irregularly bi-tri-serial, at first pale green, and afterwards black.

Veins having club-shaped apices.

Rhizoma erect.

Introduced into Great Britain by M. Van Houtte, of Ghent, in 1852.

This species was discovered in China, by Dr. Von Siebold.

Stipes scaly below, ebeneous, except along the under edge, where green.

Fronds adherent to a broad rhizoma.

Length of frond from twelve to fifteen inches, the leafy portion being as broad as it is long. Breadth of barren pinnæ one inch and three quarters; of fertile pinnæ an inch. Length of stipes of barren frond from three to four inches, and of fertile frond five inches.

Colour of frond a dull green, paler beneath.

Aspidium podophyllum has the venation of a *Polystichum*, and the fructification of a *Lastrea*.

My thanks are due to Mr. Joseph Henderson, of Wentworth; and to Mr. Stansfield, of Todmorden, for plants of this species; and to Messrs. Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; Mr. J. Henderson, of Wentworth; Mr. G. Norman, of Hull; Mr. J. W. Jeans, of Grantham; and to M. Schott, Director of the Imperial Gardens of Vienna, for fronds.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Veitch, of Chelsea; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Rollisson, of Tooting; Masters, of Canterbury; Booth, of Hamburg; Cooling, of Derby; Young, of Taunton; and Stansfield, of Todmorden.

The illustrations are from a plant in my own collection.





ASPIDIUM CORIACEUM.

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Portion of pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM CORIACEUM.

LOWE.

PLATE XXXVI. VOL. VI.

Polystichum coriaceum,
 “ *flexum*,

J. SMITH.
 OF SIM'S CATALOGUE.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Coriaceum—Leathery.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

A NOBLE evergreen species, only to be found in the larger collections.

A very dissimilar Fern has been for some years under cultivation, bearing the above name, and which is the *Aspidium coriaceum* of Swartz.

A warm greenhouse or stove Fern.

Native of the south of Africa—Cape of Good Hope.

Fronds triangular in form, spreading, erect in habit, stout, dull green, tripinnate; pinnules pinnatifid and slightly recurved.

Stipes and rachis everywhere hirsute, with broad dark scales scattered here and there, darker and larger near the base. Stipes very stout.

Rhizoma densely scaly, and creeping.

Sori copious, occupying the whole frond, smaller than in *A. capense*.

Length of frond thirty-six inches; width at base about twenty inches. Stipes sixteen inches in length.

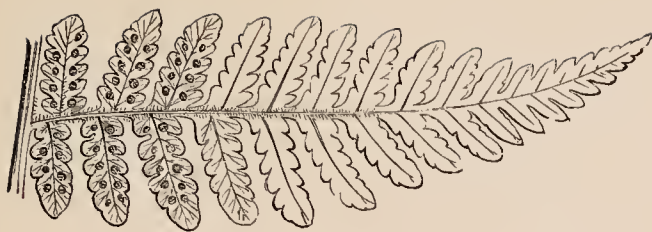
For a plant and fronds of this Fern I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray.

It may be procured of Mr. R. Sim.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM VILLOSUM.—PORTION OF FROND.
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Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM VILLOSUM.

SWARTZ. SCHKUHR. KUNZE. FEE. PETIVER. SLOAN.

PLATE XXXVII. VOL. VI.

Lastrea villosa,

“ “

Polypodium villosum,

PRESL. J. SMITH.

MOORE AND HOULSTON.

SWARTZ. PLUMIER.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Villosum—Hairy.

IN THE SECTION *LASTREA* OF AUTHORS.

THIS giant Fern of the section *Lastrea* is a noble species when well grown.

An evergreen stove species.

Native of the West Indies, Jamaica, and Caribbee.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1844, by Mr. N. Wilson.

Fronds triangularly elongate, tri-quadripinnate; pinnules oblong-linear, rather obtuse, deeply pinnatifid; segments oblong, apex circular.

Fronds very hairy, terminal, adherent to an arborescent caudex. Rachis and stipes completely covered with narrow fringed scales.

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Length of frond from ten to twelve feet; colour pale green.
Sori medial.

Indusium glandulose.

For fronds of this Fern I am indebted to Messrs. Veitch, Jun., of the Exotic Nursery, Chelsea.

It may be procured of Messrs. Veitch, of Chelsea; A Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; and Kennedy, of Covent Garden.

The illustration is from a frond sent by Messrs. Veitch.



ASPIDIUM VESTITUM.



Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM VESTITUM.

SWARTZ. SCHUHR. KUNZE. KAULFUSS,
not of SIEBER, nor of WILLDENOW.

PLATE XXXVIII. VOL. VI.

Polystichum vestitum,
“ “
Polypodium vestitum,

PRESL. J. SMITH.
MOORE AND HOULSTON. FEE.
FORSTER, not of RADDI.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Vestitum—Clothed.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

THIS most interesting species is not generally cultivated, except in our best collections. It has a more dwarf growth than most of the species in the section *Polystichum*, and makes a very pretty specimen plant.

An evergreen greenhouse species.

Native of New Zealand, Tasmania, (Van Diemen's Land,) New Holland, and Chili.

The present species must not be confounded with the *Lastrea vestita* of J. Smith, nor with the *Polystichum proliferum* of Presl: it is not unlike the latter, except in being more rigid,

having a much longer stipes, and not being viviparous at the apex.

Fronds rigid, bipinnate, almost lanceolate in form, having oblong-acute pinnæ, with rather ovate pinnules, in some degree auriculate; base wedge-shaped, only one or two pairs are distinct, the remainder being confluent, with a sharp mucronate tooth on the apex.

Fronds terminal, adherent to a tufted rhizoma, the lower half of the frond naked.

Rachis and stipes densely clothed with narrow scales.

Length of frond from twelve to eighteen inches; colour rich dark green.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in the year 1842, having been received from Mr. J. Edgerley.

My obligations are due to Mr. J. Henderson, of Wentworth, for fronds of this species.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; and Kennedy, of Covent Garden.

The illustration is from a frond sent by Mr. Joseph Henderson.



ASPIDIUM CONIFOLIUM.



Portion of pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM CONIIFOLIUM.

WALLICH. KUNZE.

PLATE XXXIX. VOL. VI.

Aspidium carvifolium,
Polystichum coniifolium,
 “ “
 “ *aristatum*,

KUNZE.
 PRESL. J. SMITH. FEE.
 MOORE AND HOULSTON.
 OF GARDENS.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Coniifolium—Hemlock-leaved.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

ANOTHER very beautiful Fern, well worthy a place in every collection.

An evergreen stove species.

Native of the East Indies, the Island of Ceylon, and the Philippine Islands.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1841, by Mr. G. Gardner.

Fronds deltoid, tri-quadripinnate; the pinnules oblong-ovate, acute, pinnatifid; base cuneate, the margin having spinose-mucronate teeth. The basal pinnules very large.

Stipes fifteen inches in length, circular, very hirsute, with brown hairs, which are considerably longer near the base.

Sori large, very copious, eventually becoming confluent, covering the whole under side of the frond, almost touching each other before shedding the indusium; at first white, and when mature reddish brown.

Indusium reniform; the entire frond covered beneath with sori.

Fronds lateral, adherent to a small creeping rhizoma.

Length of frond thirty inches; width at the base fourteen inches; colour deep shining green.

My thanks are due to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray; Mr. J. Smith, of the Royal Gardens, Kew; and to Messrs. E. G. Henderson, for plants of this species; and to Mr. G. Norman, of Hull, for fronds.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; Rollisson, of Tooting; Veitch, of Chelsea; and Kennedy, of Covent Garden.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM CAPENSE.

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Portion of Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM CAPENSE.

SWARTZ. WILLDENOW.

PLATE XL. VOL. VI.

<i>Tectaria coriacea</i> ,	LINK.
“ <i>Calahuala</i> ,	CAVANILLES.
<i>Polystichum coriaceum</i> ,	ROTH. J. SMITH. FEE.
“ “	SCHOTT. PRESL.
“ <i>capense</i> ,	J. SMITH. MOORE AND HOULSTON.
<i>Rumohra aspidioides</i> ,	RADDI.
<i>Aspidium coriaceum</i> ,	SWARTZ. SCHKUHR. KUNZE.
“ “	LANGSDORFF AND FISCHER.
“ “	KAULFUSS. SPRENGEL. R. BROWN.
“ <i>macroporum</i> ,	BORY.
“ <i>discolor</i> ,	LANGSDORFF AND FISCHER.
<i>Polypodium argentatum</i> ,	JACQUIN.
“ <i>coriaceum</i> ,	SWARTZ.
<i>Polypodium adiantiforme</i> ,	FORSTER.
“ <i>politum</i> ,	DESVAUX.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Capense—Cape.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

A WELL-KNOWN large-growing Fern, with a drooping habit,

and not unfrequently found in our English collections under the name of *Polypodium coriaceum*, yet very different from the species figured on Plate XXXVI., and which appears to be the true plant of Willdenow.

An evergreen stove species.

Native of the Mauritius, the Cape of Good Hope, Jamaica, Brazil, Chili, New Holland, and New Zealand.

Fronds glabrous, deltoid, tripinnate; pinnules oblong-lanceolate-acute, pinnatifid, wedge-shaped at the base, and have obtuse dentate segments.

Fronds lateral, adherent to a decumbent, stout, densely scaly, cœspitose rhizoma.

Length of frond from thirty to forty inches; colour deep green.

Sori large. Indusium reniform.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1823, by Mr. J. Bowie.

My thanks are due to Captain Legard, of Kirby Misperton, Yorkshire, and to Mrs. Delves, of Tunbridge Wells, for plants of this species.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; Rollisson, of Tooting; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Veitch, Jun., of Chelsea; Cooling, of Derby; Booth and Son, of Hamburg; Masters, of Canterbury; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; and Stansfield, of Todmorden.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.





ADIANTUM SPINULOSUM.—PORTION OF FROND.



Portion of Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM SPINULOSUM.

SWARTZ. SCHUHR, (*not of* WILLDENOW.) KUNZE.
LINK. FEE. SCHOTT. M. S.

PLATE XLI. VOL. VI.

<i>Polystichum spinosum</i> ,	ROTH.
<i>Lastrea spinulosa</i> ,	PRESL. LINDLEY AND MOORE.
“ “	J. SMITH. BABINGTON.
“ <i>spinosa</i> ,	NEWMAN. DEAKIN.
“ <i>cristata</i> var. <i>spinulosa</i> ,	MOORE.
“ <i>dilatata</i> var. <i>linearis</i> ,	BABINGTON.
<i>Polypodium spinulosum</i> ,	MULLER.
“ <i>filix-fœmina</i> , var. <i>spinosa</i> ,	WEIS.
<i>Lophodium spinosum</i> ,	NEWMAN.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Spinulosum—Prickly.

IN THE SECTION *LASTREA* OF AUTHORS.

AN indigenous British species, often confounded with *Aspidium dilatatum*, Plate XXVII., vol. vi., which some of its varied forms closely resemble.

A hardy deciduous Fern.

Native of England.

Fronde erect; bipinnate, narrow, and ovate-lanceolate; the margins nearly parallel below, and glabrous. Pinnæ numerous; the lower ones distant and sub-opposite, the upper ones elongate, alternate, triangular, and stalked, the stalk twisted so as to make them stand nearly horizontal. Pinnules oblong, incispinnatifid, having serrate spinose mucronate lobes.

Sori medial. Indusium entire on the margin.

Stipes having broad, ovate, pale brown scales, crowded near the base and more remote upwards.

Terminal; adherent to a somewhat tufted rhizoma.

Length of frond from twelve to thirty-six inches; colour pale yellowish green.



ASPIDIUM CANARIENSE.—PORTION OF FROND.



Portion of Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM CANARIENSE.

WILLDENOW. ?

PLATE XLII. VOL. VI.

<i>Aspidium Ludovicianum</i> ,	HORT.
<i>Lastrea Canariense</i> ,	HORT.
“ <i>Ludoviciana</i> ,	HORT.
<i>Cystopteris Canariensis</i> ,	PRESL. ?

Aspidium—The Shield Fern. *Canariense*—Canary Island Fern.

IN THE SECTION LASTREA OF AUTHORS.

THE *Aspidium Canariense* is an interesting very distinct Fern.

The fronds are bipinnate, membranaceous, and triangularly elongate in form; apices acuminate. Pinnæ linear-lanceolate, with acuminate apices. Pinnules oblong-ovate, basal ones pinatifid; margin dentate. Pinnæ and pinnules distant.

Veins forked.

Sori uniserial, distant, and conspicuous.

Stipes and rachis very scaly. Rachis creeping, and scaly; scales pale in colour.

The fronds horizontal or pendulous, widest at the base.

Length of frond twenty-four inches, of which the lower seven inches is naked. Colour dull green.

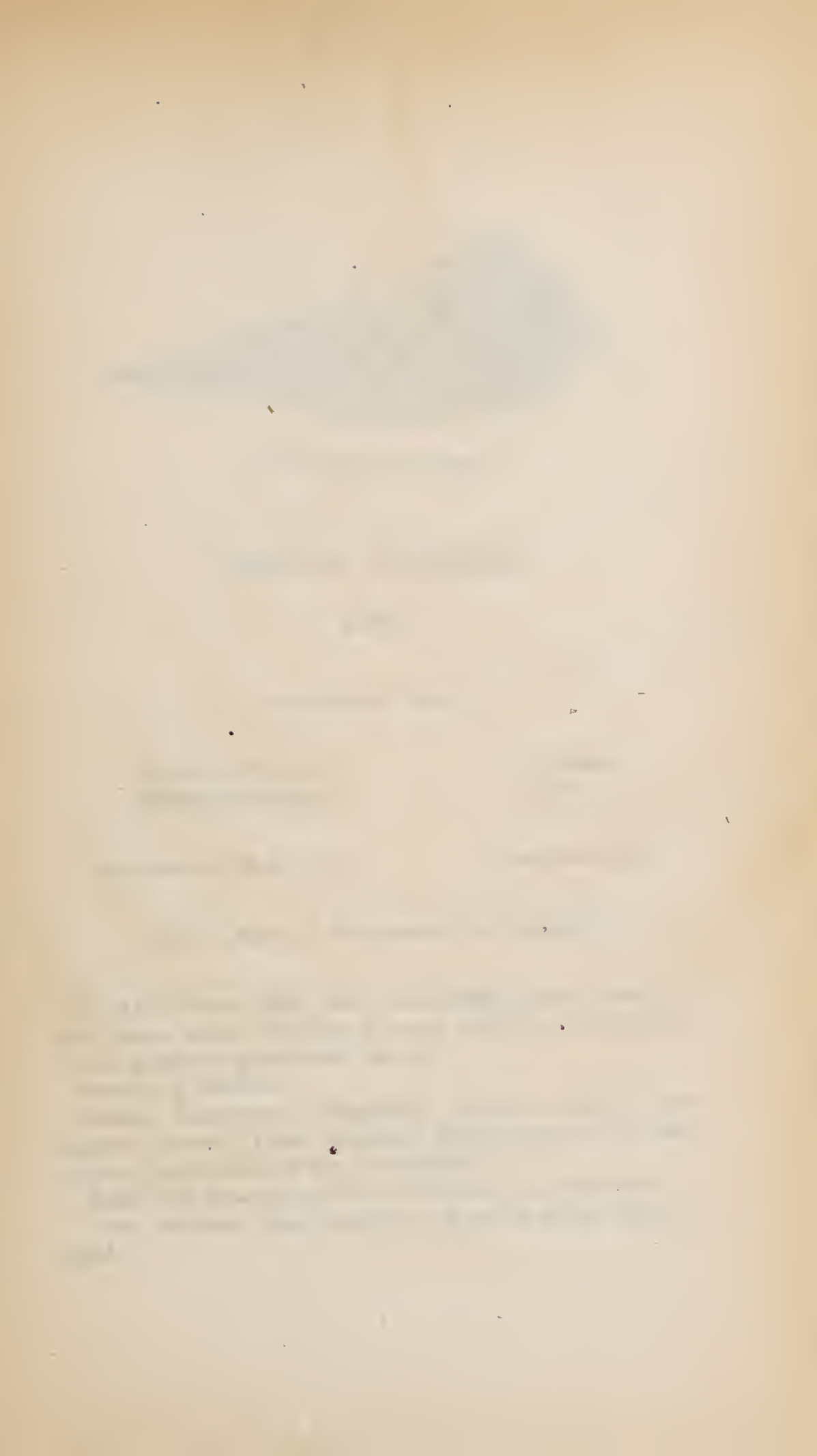
For plants and fronds I am indebted to Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray, and Booth, of Hamburg.

A. Canariense may be procured of Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM FRONDOSUM.—PORTION OF FROND.
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Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM FRONDOSUM.

LOWE.

PLATE XLIII. VOL. VI.

Polystichum frondosum,
Nephrodium lœta-virens,

J. SMITH.
LOWE.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Frondosum—Leafy.

IN THE SECTION POLYSTICHUM OF AUTHORS.

A MAGNIFICENT Fern with rich shining green fronds. It is a species worthy of a place in every collection. A rare Fern.

An evergreen greenhouse species.

Native of Madeira.

Fronds decompound, triangularly elongate. Pinnules profoundly dentate. Pinnæ alternate, largest nearest the base; apex of pinnæ and of frond acuminate.

Rachis and stipes scaly; in the dried frond straw-coloured.

Veins branched, semi-transparent, paler in colour than the frond.

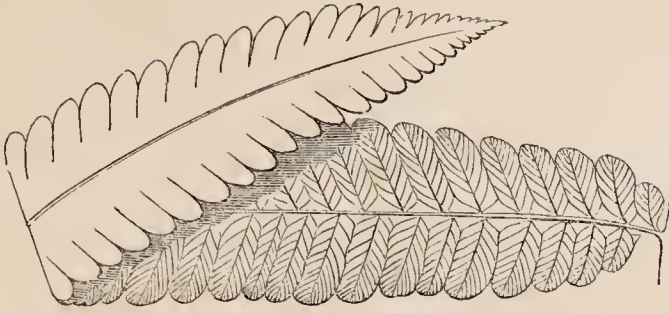
Length of frond from two to three feet; colour a vivid, shining, rich green.

I have not as yet been fortunate enough to procure a plant.

For a frond I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray, and Stansfield, of Todmorden.

The illustration is from the frond sent by Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray, Kent.



Pinna of mature Frond.

ASPIDIUM PTEROIDES.

SWARTZ.

PLATE XLIV. VOL. VI.

<i>Nephrodium pteroides</i> ,	J. SMITH.
<i>Polypodium pteroides</i> ,	RETZIUS.
<i>Aspidium terminans</i> ,	WALLICH. MOORE & HOULSTON. KUNZE.
<i>Nephrodium terminans</i> ,	J. SMITH. FEE.
“ <i>Cumingii</i> ,	J. SMITH.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Pteroides—Fern-like.

IN THE SECTION NEPHRODIUM OF AUTHORS.

Aspidium pteroides, better known as *Nephrodium terminans* in our British collections, is a handsome Fern, differing more especially from others in the same section in the position of its fructification.

An evergreen stove Fern.

Native of the East Indies, the Island of Ceylon, and the Philippine Islands.

Fronds pinnate. Pinnæ pinnatifid, linear-lanceolate in form, petiolulate, in some degree membranous, subcordate at the base, and obtusely lobed.

Fronds minutely pubescent on the veins on the under side. Lateral, being adherent to a slender creeping rhizoma.

Sori medial, on either side the primary veins, eventually becoming confluent; formed only along the edges of the pinnæ.

Length of frond twenty-four inches; colour bright green.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1847, by Mr. G. Gardner.

For plants I am indebted to Mr. J. Henderson, of Wentworth, and to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray.

It can be procured of Messrs. Veitch, of Chelsea; Sim, of Foot's Cray; and Stansfield, of Todmorden.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM CICUTARIIFOLIUM M.

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Pinna of mature Frond, upper side.

ASPIDIUM CICUTARIUM.

SWARTZ. J. SMITH.

PLATE XLV. VOL. VI.

<i>Polypodium cicutarium</i> ,	LINNÆUS.
“ <i>hippocrepis</i> ,	JACQUIN.
<i>Sagenia hippocrepis</i> ,	PRESL. MOORE AND HOULSTON. FEE.
<i>Aspidium hippocrepis</i> ,	SWARTZ. PLUMIER. KUNZE. SPRENGEL.
“ <i>apifolium</i> ,	SCHKUHR.
“ <i>latifolium</i> ,	PRESL.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Cicutarium—Cow-bane-like.

IN THE SECTION SAGENIA OF SOME AUTHORS.

A RARE handsome plant, apparently requiring considerable care to cultivate it successfully.

An evergreen stove Fern.

Native of Jamaica, the West Indies, Mexico, and New Grenada.

The fronds, which are glabrous, are of a triangularly-clongate form; bipinnatifid, having oblong-acuminate pinnæ, and oblong-obtuse segments, with a crenate margin.

Terminal, being adherent to an erect rhizoma.

Sori produced on the apex of a free veinlet within the areoles, somewhat reniform.

Veins pinnate; venules arcuately anastomosing, forming unequal areoles, with free veinlets.

Length of frond from twenty-four to thirty-six inches; colour light green.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in the year 1852, and into England in 1789.

For a frond I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, Nurseryman, Foot's Cray, Kent.

It is to be procured of Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray, and Messrs. Veitch, of Chelsea.

The illustration is from Mr. R. Sim's frond.





ASPIDIUM MACROPHYLLUM.

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Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM MACROPHYLLUM.

SWARTZ. PLUMIER. J. SMITH. MOORE AND HOULSTON.
 KUNZE. LEIBMANN. WILLDENOW.
 RADDI. PRESL. PETIVER. SPRENGEL. SCHOTT, M.S.

PLATE XLVI. VOL. VI.

Cardiochlæna macrophylla,
Bathmium macrophylla,
Aspidium bifidum,
Polypodium variolatum,

FEE.
 LINK.
 PRESL.
 WILLDENOW.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Macrophyllum—Large-leaved.

A FINE Fern, pretty generally cultivated in our English collections, yet often confused with *Aspidium trifoliatum*, Swartz, figured on Plate XXIX of this volume.

An evergreen stove Fern.

Native of the West Indies, Tropical America, and Brazil.

Fronds glabrous, oblong-ovate in form; pinnate, the pinnæ being of an oblong-lanceolate-acuminate shape, somewhat membranous, petiolulate; base cordate; the lower pair two-lobed, whilst the terminal pinna is either three-lobed or sinuately pinnatifid, the basal segments being the longest.

Sori reniform, uniserial, on either side the primary veins, are commonly situated on the middle of a venule.

Stipes scaly. Fronds terminal, adherent to an erect fasciculate rhizoma.

Length of frond from twenty-four to thirty inches; colour pale green.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1836, having been introduced by Messrs. Loddiges, but known in England twenty years previous.

For plants I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray; Mr. Stansfield, of Todmorden; and Messrs. Booth, of Hamburg; and for fronds to Mr. R. Sim, and Messrs. Rollisson, of Tooting.

It is contained in the Catalogues of Messrs. E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; Veitch, of Chelsea; A. Henderson, of Pine-apple Place; Booth, of Hamburg; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Stansfield, of Todmorden; Rollisson, of Tooting; Kennedy, of Covent Garden; and Cooling, of Derby.

The illustrations are from plants in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM UNITUM.



Portion of Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM UNITUM.

SCHKUHR. KUNZE. SWARTZ. PETIVER.
BURMAN. SPRENGEL.

PLATE XLVII. VOL. VI.

<i>Nephrodium unitum</i> ,	R. BROWN. J. SMITH. SCHOTT.
“ “	MOORE AND HOULSTON.
“ “	PRESL. FEE.
“ <i>lucens</i> ,	OF GARDENS.
“ <i>propinquum</i> ,	R. BROWN.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Unitum—Joined, or linked.

IN THE SECTION NEPHRODIUM OF AUTHORS.

THE present species is occasionally met with in collections.
An evergreen stove Fern.

Native of Tropical America, New Holland, and India.

Fronds pinnate; pinnæ ensiform-lanceolate, from five to six inches in length, pinnatifid, with semi-ovate acute segments.

Petiolulate, and sub-cordate at the base.

Fronds glandulose; minutely pubescent beneath. Lateral; adherent to a creeping rhizoma.

Stipes, when young, of a reddish colour, and having a few scattered scales at the base.

Sori medial and uniserial.

Length of frond from eighteen to twenty-four inches; colour a brilliant shining green.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1793.

For plants of this species I am indebted to Mr. R. Sim, of Foot's Cray, and Mr. Masters, of Canterbury; and for fronds to Mr. Henderson, of Wentworth, and to Mr. Sim.

It may be procured of Messrs. E. G. Henderson, of St. John's Wood; Sim, of Foot's Cray; Masters, of Canterbury; Booth, of Hamburg; and Kennedy, of Covent Garden.

The illustration is from a plant in my own collection.



ASPIDIUM HOOKERI.



Pinna of mature Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM HOOKERI.

WALLICH.

PLATE XLVIII. VOL. VI.

Nephrodium Hookeri,

J. SMITH. MOORE AND HOULSTON.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern. *Hookeri*—Named after Sir W. J. Hooker, F.R.S., etc., the Director of the Royal Gardens, Kew.

IN THE SECTION NEPHRODIUM OF AUTHORS.

A RARE interesting Fern, best known as the *Nephrodium Hookeri*.

An evergreen stove species.

Native of the East Indies.

We are indebted to Mr. Henderson, of Wentworth, for bringing this Fern into notice.

FronDS pinnate and elongate; basal pinnæ diminutive, deltoid, deflexed, and gradually increasing in length as they ascend the rachis, being on the upper half elongate-acute, and pinnatifid, four inches long, sub-petiolate, auriculate, the base being truncate-cuneate.

Sori medial, uniserial, and scattered over the upper half of the frond.

having a much longer stipes, and not being viviparous at the apex.

Fronds rigid, bipinnate, almost lanceolate in form, having oblong-acute pinnæ, with rather ovate pinnules, in some degree auriculate; base wedge-shaped, only one or two pairs are distinct, the remainder being confluent, with a sharp mucronate tooth on the apex.

Fronds terminal, adherent to a tufted rhizoma, the lower half of the frond naked.

Rachis and stipes densely clothed with narrow scales.

Length of frond from twelve to eighteen inches; colour rich dark green.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in the year 1842, having been received from Mr. J. Edgerley.

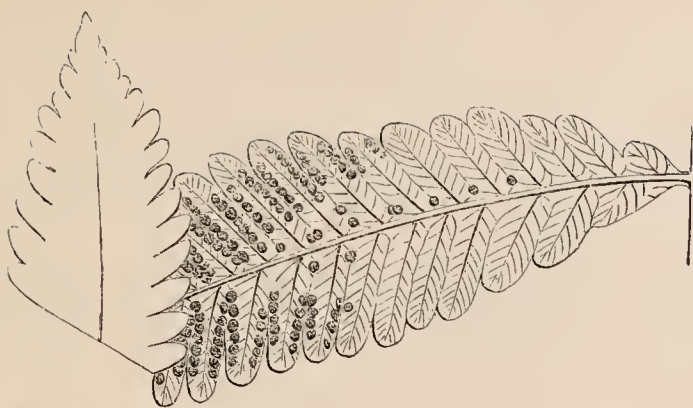
My obligations are due to Mr. J. Henderson, of Wentworth, for fronds of this species.

It is in the Catalogues of Messrs. Sim, of Foot's Cray; and Kennedy, of Covent Garden.

The illustration is from a frond sent by Mr. Joseph Henderson.



ASPIDIUM ARTICULATUM.
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Pinna of fertile Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM ARTICULATUM.

LOWE, (*not of SWARTZ nor SPRENGEL.*)

PLATE XLIX. VOL. VI.

Nephrodium articulatum,

J. SMITH. MOORE & HOULSTON.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Articulatum—Jointed.

IN THE SECTION NEPHRODIUM OF AUTHORS.

AN evergreen stove species.

Native of the island of Ceylon.

Fronds glabrous, pinnate, lanceolate in shape. Pinnæ linear-lanceolate, pinnatifid, subpetiolate, bluntly wedge-shaped at the base, and articulated with the rachis.

Stipes scaly. Fronds terminal, being adherent to a thick creeping rhizoma.

Rachis of a pale chocolate colour.

Sori medial and uniserial.

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Length of frond from fifty to sixty inches; colour deep green.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, by Dr. Gardner, in the year 1846.

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ASPIDIUM COADUNATUM.

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Pinna of barren Frond, under side.

ASPIDIUM COADUNATUM.

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<i>Sagenia coadunata</i> ,	J. SMITH. MOORE AND HOULSTON.
" <i>hippocrepis</i> ,	PRESL, (<i>not of</i> SWARTZ.)
" <i>Macrodonia</i> ,	FEE.

Aspidium—The Shield Fern.

Coadunatum—United.

IN THE SECTION *SAGENIA* OF SOME AUTHORS.

AN evergreen stove Fern.

Native of the East Indies and the island of Ceylon.

Fronds glabrous, bipinnate, triangularly-elongate in form; the pinnae also triangularly-elongate, acuminate, the inferior pinnales

being far apart; superior pinnules pinnatifid, having a profound-crenate edge, and a decurrent base.

Sori somewhat reniform.

Veins pinnate, the venules anastomosing.

Fronds terminal, adherent to a stout, scaly, and somewhat creeping rhizoma.

Stipes at the base thickly scattered over with narrow scales.

Length of frond from twenty-four to thirty-six inches; colour pale green.

Introduced into the Royal Gardens, Kew, in 1845, by Mr G. Gardner.

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GLOSSARY FOR VOL. VI.

[The present Glossary contains descriptions of such terms as are not described in the other volumes. It must be therefore considered as a continuation of those given in the other volumes.]

Alternate.—When apparently disposed without regularity; thus alternate pinnæ are when the pinnæ are not opposite to each other.

Anterior.—Placed in front of others, or outwardly with respect to the axis about which they are arranged.

Arborescent.—The form of a tree. Thus an arborescent caudex has a tree-like stem.

Aristate.—Awned.

Bacciform.—Bearing berries, or having a succulent nature like that of berries.

Ciliato-serrate.—When marginal serratures have stiffish hairs.

Circlet.—Placed in a ring.

Channelled.—Hollowed out, resembling a gutter.

Cordate-auriculate.—Having heart-shaped ears

Costæform.—Rib-shaped.

Cuculate.—Hooded. Where the edges are curved inwards, or rolled up like the point of a slipper.

Decumbent.—Reclining upon the ground, and rising again from it at the apex.

Depauperated.—Empoverished. When the branches or segments are almost wanting.

Excurrent.—Extending beyond the usual limits.

Eccentric.—Not having the same centre.

Fascicled.—Where several similar parts originate at the same spot, and are collected together as in a bundle.

Glandular.—Furnished with glands.

Inciso-lobate.—Lobes deeply cut, or divided.

Inciso-pinnatifid.—So deeply cut as to approach a pinnate form.

Indigenous.—Belonging to a place. Thus, indigenous to England, is belonging to England.

Inferior.—Below. Thus, inferior base is the lowest base.

Mucronate.—Abruptly pointed by a sharp, stiff, spinous point.

Normal.—Typical or ordinary form. Thus, normal form does not deviate from the ordinary form.

Obsolete.—Disused.

Orbicular.—Circular, or round.

Ovate-falcate.—Of a curved, oval, or egg-shaped form.

Paleaceous.—Chaffy. Thus, a paleaceous rachis is when the rachis is very sealy.

Peltate.—Fixed to the stalk by the centre, or by some point *within* the margin, *i. e.*, not at the edge. The attachment of the stalk to the leaf of the *Tropæolum* is a familiar illustration.

Petiolate.—Furnished with a petiole or stalk.

Petiolulate.—When the leaflets are stalked.

Persistent.—Remaining beyond the ordinary period.

Repand.—Having an uneven slightly wavy margin.

Semi-erect.—Partly erect.

Sinuatly-pinnatifid.—Unevenly pinnatifid, alternately with deep concavities and convexities.

Sub-falcate.—The word *sub* means somewhat, or a near approach to the term to which it is appended. Thus, sub-falcate is scarcely curved, or curved in a slight degree.

Sub-marginal.—Almost marginal.

Sub-rhomboidal.—Almost rhomboid.

Squamulous.—Covered with small scales.

Superior base.—Upper base.

Triangularly-elongate.—A lengthened triangular form.

Tri-quadripinnate.—Three times quadripinnate.

Tomentum.—Short closely-matted hairs, or woolly pubescence.

Truncate-dimidiata.—Imperfectly truncate.

Trapezio-oblong.—A lengthened trapezoidal form.

Umbilicate.—Having a depression in the centre. Also with an elevation in the centre. Known as a boss.

Undulated.—Wavy.

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